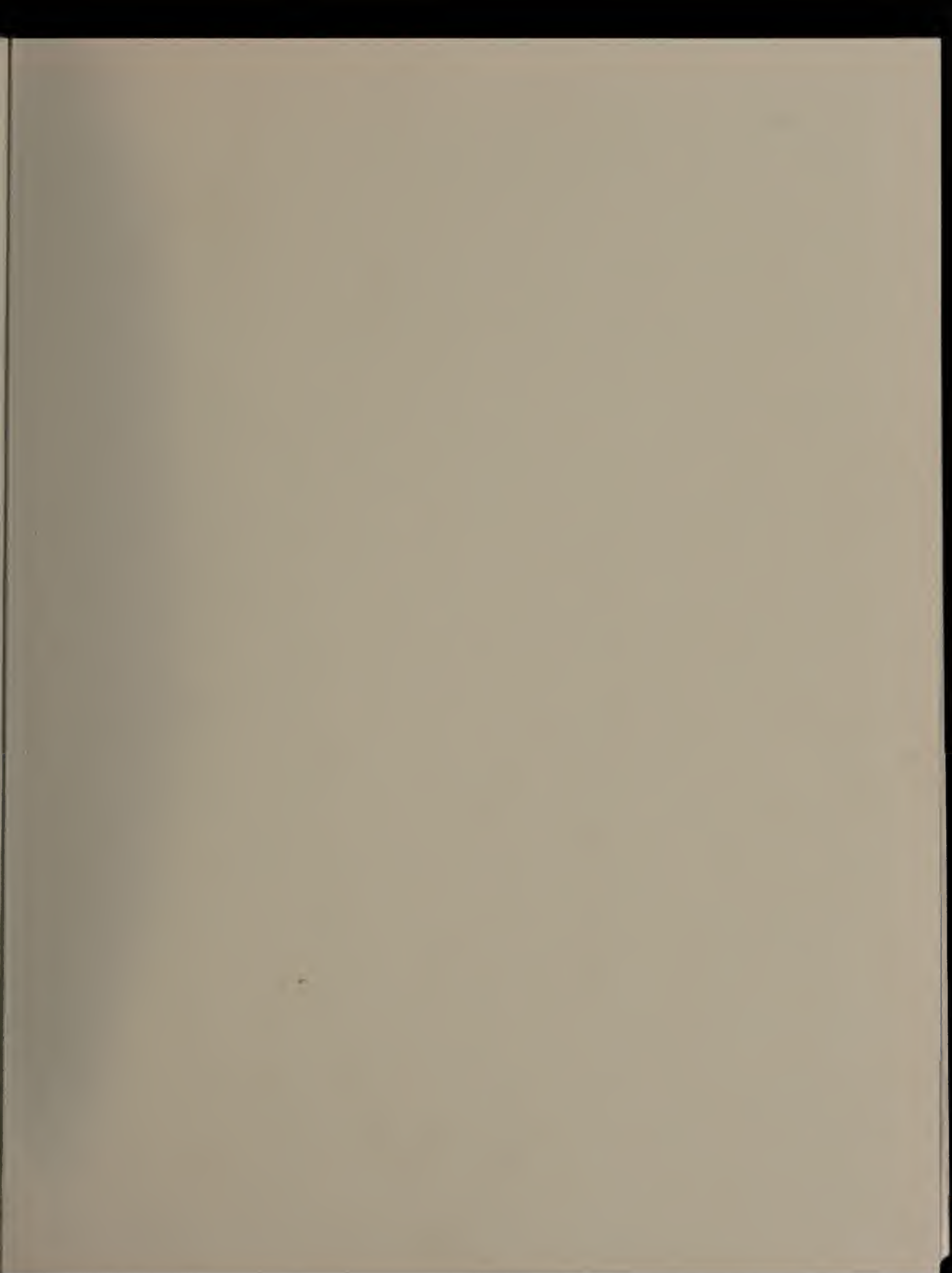


ASSUMPTION COLLEGE









Assumption College

Worcester, Massachusetts




a Novel
APPROACH

On a beautiful day in June 1953, the Greendale School baseball team was practicing on the Assumption diamond when hail stones started to fall from the sky. The team looked up and saw a large funnel headed right for Assumption. The team took off, and the Fathers at the College sounded the alarm.

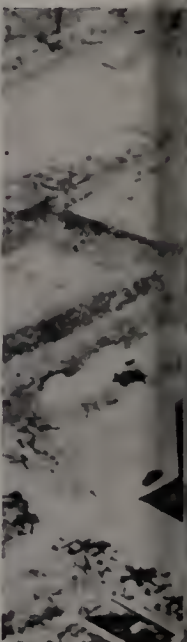
At that time, Assumption was not located here at 500 Salisbury Street, but at the present site of Quinsigamond Community College on West Boylston Street in the Greendale section of Worcester.

Father Hebert, always known for overreacting, came through the halls yelling "Tornado's Coming"! This alarm was discounted by some. The roaring funnel came tearing across West Boylston Street, carrying with it tons of lumber and a huge fuel tank. It churned up the gentle slope of the Assumption campus, and took the main classroom and dormitory buildings on with all of its might. The fuel tank crashed into the College wing and created an enormous hole in the side of the building. This caused a wind tunnel that nearly destroyed the entire building.



Assumption's mascot, Lucky, cowered in his doghouse looking for shelter. The howling wind carried Lucky nearly two hundred yards and tossed the dog house onto the baseball field. Frantically, the Assumptionists rushed Lucky to the veterinarian. Unfortunately, he had broken two of his legs. Now, Lucky only comes out for special occasions.

This tragedy took the lives of three members of the Assumption community, and they are still in our prayers today. The West Boylston Street loca-



Right: Pictures of Assumption College as it was before 1953 at the present site of Quinsigamond Community College on West Boylston Street

tion was rebuilt as a preparatory school and the new location was sought for the college. Construction for the new campus began in 1955. The first classes were held on the Salisbury Street location in 1956. The only buildings that the Assumption Campus had at that time were Alumni, La Maison Francaise, and the Dining Hall. The duck pond was created around the time of these primary buildings.

The Campus has expanded through the years to include all of the buildings that you see today. The most recent development was the wonderful loop road between the Chapel and Wachusett. As the

Assumption College

From 1904 to Today



93rd class graduating from Assumption College finally packs up we will at least have some of the greatest memories of our lives preserved forever in our NOVEL APPROACH to our college years....

Just the Facts...



When the College was founded in 1904, less than 20 students were enrolled.



The present day Undergraduate Day College has over 1600 students enrolled.



Assumption College was rated among the top six best buys in Massachusetts by Barron's.

Middle: The devastation the tornado left in its wake sent the College to where it is today *Top Left, Top Right, and Bottom*, the 500 Salisbury Street campus' evolution to what it is today.



Freshman Year '93 - '94

We didn't know what we were doing. Was the microwave still in the car with dad, or had mom just brought it up to my room? We didn't know anyone really, maybe just a few people from orientation, our roommates, and perhaps someone we knew from high school. Trying desperately to cling to the past, we brought our high school yearbooks with us and tried to call our high school friends at least twice a month, often going home to see them.

We were so nervous on the first day of classes! What would it be like? Would they assign huge projects on the first day, or would we not have any work at all?

Time went on. Second, third and, fourth days of class. We made new friends. Some friends would last a lifetime. Some of us switched roommates. We learned the value of a nap after classes, and we pulled all-nighters (having waited to the last possible minute to finish our projects). We partied! We went to off campus parties, the sixes (sometimes got thrown out!), and we tried to get into bars with our fake IDs.

Our first final exams came and went along with the sleep we lost over them. We said good-bye to our new friends as we left for the holidays and made plans for what we would do when we returned in January. We waited in fear and anticipation for the grades for our first semester at college to come in the mail over winter break.

Second semester arrived. We finally felt at home at Assumption. We began to feel like part of the Assumption community. We were now a part of the Assumption family! With second



Above: Nicole Skaltsis, Soula Giamalis, Sue Mercier, Christina Kabasinskis, Jennifer Traks, Kim Anderson, Right, Emily Fortier, Nancy Bentley, Loralyn Christian, Kim Daigle, Amie Neubauer, Crystal Charbonneau, Jennifer Jones.





semester came new adventures, new chapters to add to the book of our lives. Class activities began to spring up. We began to get more involved. Spring Fling was a blast; we danced, played games, (got tee-shirts), and won events. The Plourde Center was a great place to spend time, meet people, and of course get into shape. Intramurals also came up and we played them with no less enthusiasm than a varsity team. We had finally become "college students" and thus a Novel Approach to our lives had begun.



Top:left Kevin Connolly, Andy Hallett, Chad Radock, Molly Flanagan, Shelley Morris *Top Right:* Kerry Ciolek, Debbie Sheridan *Bottom Right:* Brian Buyniski, Peter Fay, Pat McNally *Bottom Left:* Adam Gove, Mark Cleland, Pat Greehan, Caroline Chicaclos, Michelle Mannino, Keith Gaugler



Sophomore Year

1994-1995



Sophomore year- it seems like only yesterday that we had more than half of our college career still before us. Through tough learning during our Freshman year, we took a Novel Approach with our social, academic, and especially, our party lives.

One of the big events that went on when we were sophomores was the first annual Pup Cup, where we ended up on the football field spraying cans of shaving cream at each other. In other news that year, the Department of Public Safety, then known simply as security, bought new cars for the rigorous job of driving the 1 1/2 miles of road on campus, not to mention the quarter mile of track around the Football field.

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The Class of 1994 put the bell tower up near the chapel so that we would never forget to go to church. Many things had changed even in the short span of time from Freshman to Sophomore year.

The Class of 1997 had just made it through the toughest year, and we were moving up the ladder to become upperclassmen. We frequented places like the sixes, the fives, Wachusett Hall, Rosie O'Grady's and Stoney O'Brien's. For the late night crew, many of us had discovered a little

diner under route 290, Kenmore. The food was greasy, the coffee was good, and the conversations went on all night.





Top Left: Mark Cleland and Adam Gove

Next to that: Carla Poulin practices Martial Arts

Top Middle : Mary Ellen Kane, Nicole Garceau, Janet Gerace, Heather Thompson

Top Left: Jen Cunningham, Allison Gomarolo, Beth Ann Geaney, Katie Archacki

Middle: Steph Ouellette, Chantal Royer, Shelley Morris, Molly Flanagan.

Bottom Middle Left: Isabel Nunes, Jessica Shivy, Janet Gerace, Patty Murphy, Teresa DaSilva.

Bottom Middle Right: Kristin Cullinan, Crystal Charbonneau, Emily Fortier, Amie Neubaeur

Below: David Franz, Ryan Williams, Matt McGowan, Patty Murphy, John Brady, Joe Schlichte, Isabel Nunes, Brett Chevrier, Jared Varanelli, Keith Deschamp.



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e returned to 500 Salisbury Street in 1995, enthusiastic about assuming our new roles as upperclassmen. Assumption College was our home away from home, and we were eager to be reunited with old friends. Those living in Wachusett were lucky enough to have kitchens while others lived up on the other hill in A, B, and C dorms and continued to dine at Taylor. There were several events that occurred in our junior year that made it memorable. We raided our parents closets and headed to the Salvation Army in pursuit of the perfect costume for the 70's dance. The power went out on a rainy October night, but the energy on campus that followed more than made up for it.

We began to count down the days until graduation by having our 389 Days Party. The weekend began on Friday night with a cookout. Orion set the tone for the evening with their energetic performance. Saturday morning, we boarded the buses and headed to Boston to catch a Red Sox game. Even though they lost, it did not put a damper



on the day. After the game, we took over the streets of Boston and danced the night away at "Who's on First." What more could anyone ask for? The campus came alive with the arrival of the Gin Blossoms, and those who did not attend were feeling a little bit of "jealousy." As our junior year came to a close, the Class of 1997 looked forward to soon discovering exciting new adventures and a whole new world.





Junior Year

'95 - '96



LEFT PAGE *Left Column of Page:* Valerie Holland, Angela Grillo, Toni Vaccaro, Kristina Gilbert. *Top right:* Karen Flynn, Lauryn Viens, Amy Long, Ginger Mroczkowski, Loren Russo, Jill Miller, Dawn Hynes, Emily Greene. *Middle right:* Mike Overy, Jamie Merloni, Joe Schlichte, Steve Moore. *Bottom right:* Kristen Smatt, Gina Mendillo, Becky Banaski.

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Seniors



a Novel APPROACH

Remember the roommates, the fears, the tears, the nerves, setting up the room, taking it apart and then rearranging it all over again...

Remember attempting to keep in touch with high school friends, and succeeding until you realized what a phone bill really meant...

Remember those bonding nights when you never felt closer to a certain person, and how that closeness created ties that never die...

Remember how you never realized the importance of family until you didn't see them everyday...

Remember the craziness of the dorm, getting sudden bursts of energy and looking for people even total strangers to harass...

Remember how those strangers soon became familiar faces...

Remember hangovers and promising yourself you would never drink that much again...

Remember how quickly that promise was broken...

Remember how much your life has changed in just these past few years...

Remember never to lose touch with the friends you've made here in college, you have all grown and changed enormously together...

Remember all the good times, let the laughter echo in your mind...

And always remember, when you left Assumption, you left with much more than you came with.

- Author Unknown





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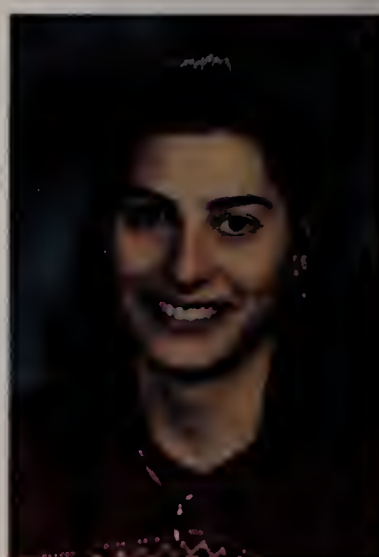
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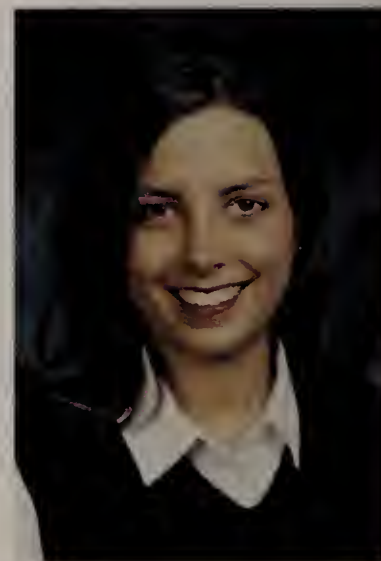
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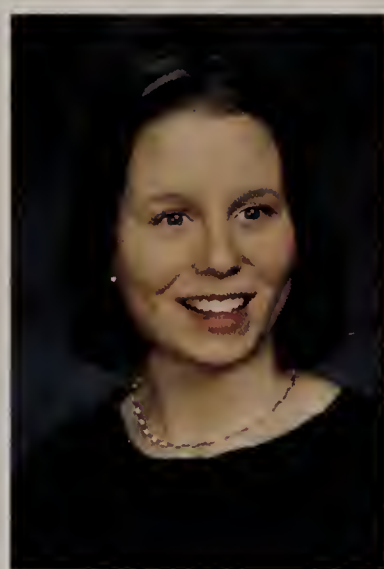
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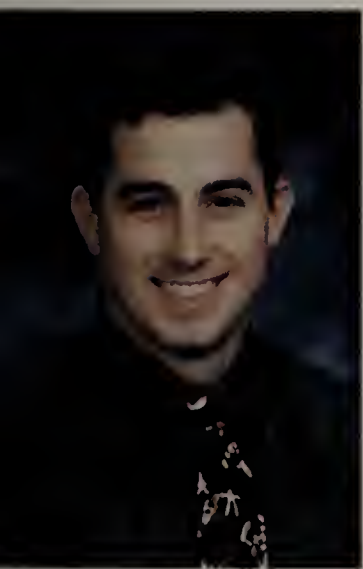
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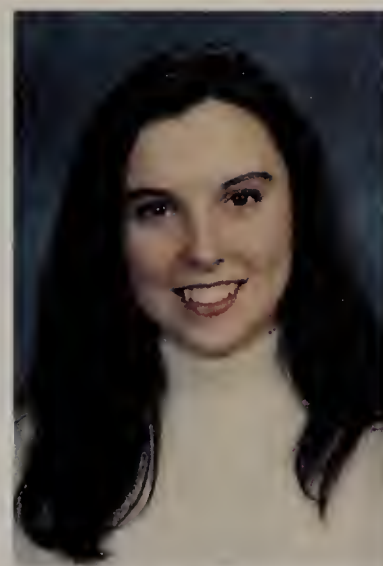
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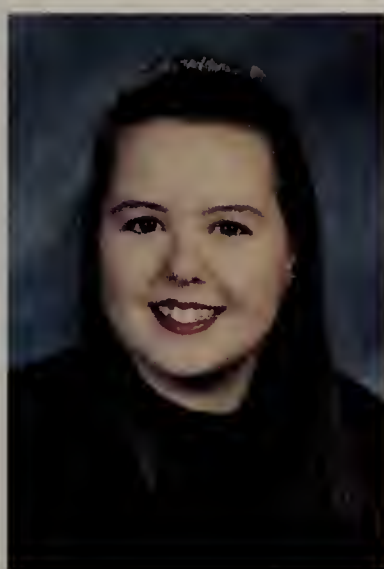
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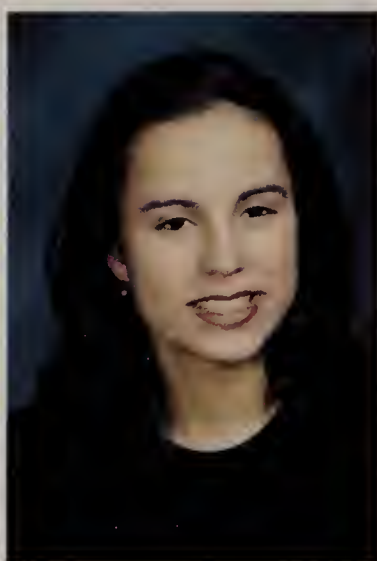
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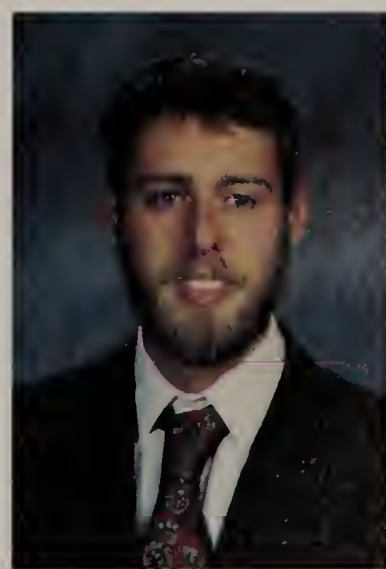
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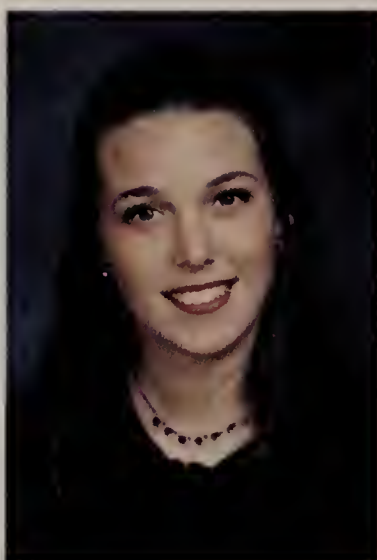
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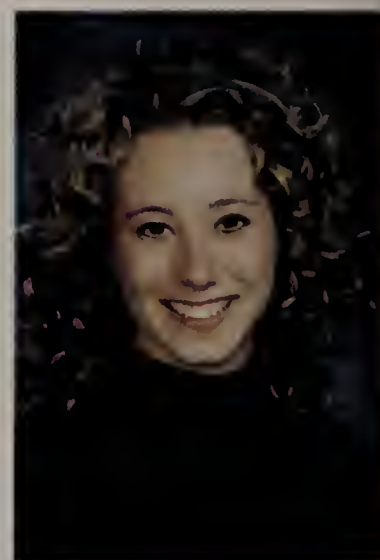
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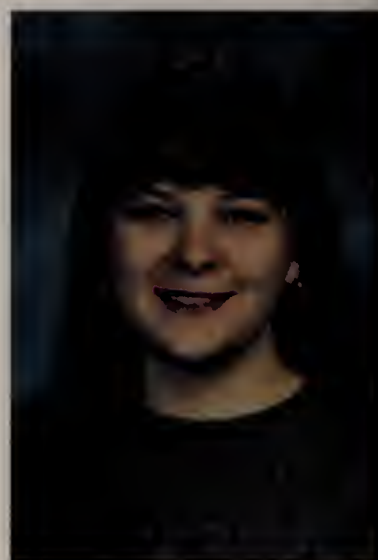
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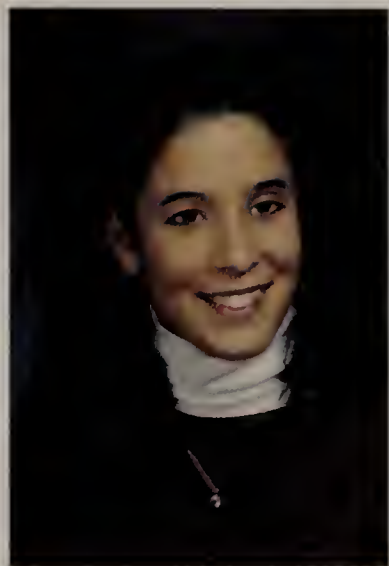




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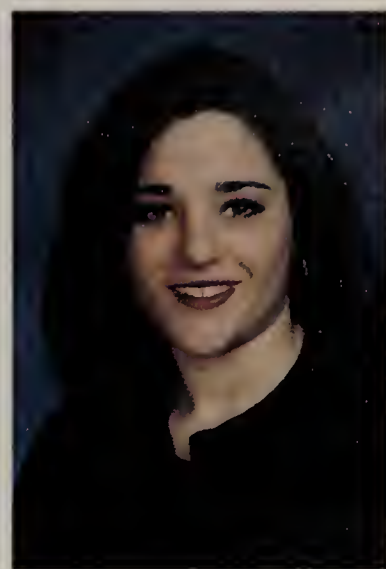
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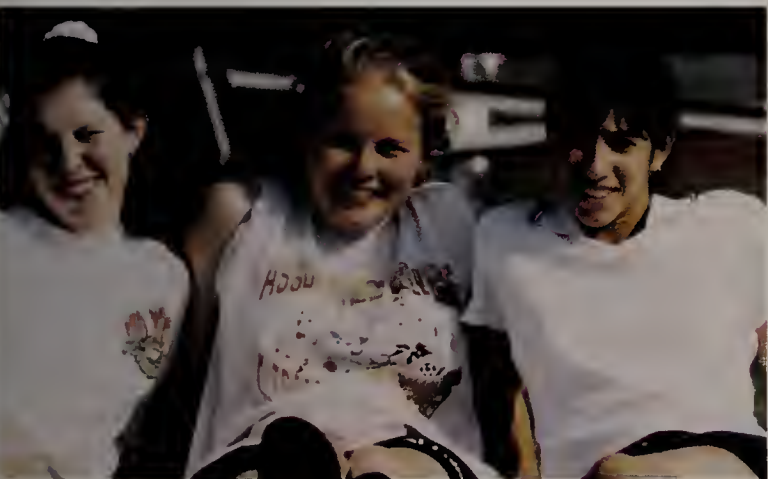
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No other place on earth is as populated with great College bars as Worcester. Not only do these bars serve up a beer, and sometimes a side of fries or hotdogs, these places serve up something much more important... A good time!

Our class took a novel approach to bar hopping more than once.

Usually, we would go as a mob on Thursday nights to a bar that was mobbed with a good percentage of the Assumption Class of 1997. Our class officers and senators planned two nights where we mobbed each place one after the other time and time again.

How many times have you and your friends sat in your apartment trying to figure out where to go on a Thursday night? Who is going to be there? Are we going to go to the Blarn, as it was so affectionately known, or to Rack? These decisions could make or break a night. For example, how long did you wait in line for a beer at Rosie's?

Average time was usually about 20-25 minutes. Luckily, we moved on from there and tried different places, these are just the select few which have served us well during our stay at Assumption.

-Yearbook Staff

Worcester's Best Bars





Below: Brian McDevitt, Scott Eggert, Chris Fuller
 Direct Right: Hayes Henderson
 Far Right: Tom Hargrave, Adam Frauton, Mike Overy, Derek Mohamed, Roberto Bosco, Jamie Merloni, Matt Erickson



Left: Allison Jansky, Amy DeGironimo
 Above: Laurie Whelan, Amy Chamberlin
 Right: Jamie Merloni



Suds & Grub

The first weekend of our Senior Year: August 30-31. What better to do than have a 13 kegger and BBQ with a few hundred of your closest friends? The Class of 1997 gathered to eat, DRINK, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. People played volleyball, frisbee, and an unlucky few got thrown into 6P's pool.

After a long relaxing day in the sun, the party resumed later. Boy, does this remind us of our tailgating days! Drinking all day without a worry in the world!

Without missing a beat, students gathered to dance the night away at the White Eagle

after a long and memorable day. This weekend was only the first of many that would make our Senior year exciting, memorable and everlasting. What else could we ask for?



Above: Chantal Royer
Top Right: Tom Cable, Mark Cleland, Matty McGowan
Bottom Right: Ally Link
Far Right: Ryan Mahoney







CLUB 21



Ninety-Seven Days Party

As the senior class counted down the days 'til graduation, they held their 97 days bash at Maxwell Silverman's on Friday, February 21, 1997. Guys & Gals dressed in dinner attire (a bit more formal than the casual 6-men fashion). The soon-to-be graduates celebrated with cheer and danced all night.

As the night progressed, friends reminisced about the old times, and wondered about the following closing days of their college career. We did, however have more than half a semester left of our college careers.





Jake Ivory's

Who can forget our fabulous night in Boston! On Feb.7, 1997 we all packed into the buses with our hands and bags full of beer. This was definitely going to be a night to remember. As we arrived at Jake Ivory's we can remember racing to the bar. With songs like Billy Joel's Pianoman, Jack and Diane, and the Time Warp, the night could only get better with the Class of 1997 partying on this brisk February night dancing and singing. The bus ride home was quiet, but our random bathroom breaks were a MUST!!! As time flies by, we start to make new memories and we forget about our sad departure as we say goodbye to our old and dear friends.





T Minus

50 days and counting...

"HOW MANY OF THESE THINGS ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE?!?" OUR PARENTS ASKED MORE THAN ONCE.

It seemed that for a while we had something happening every weekend. In our waning weeks as students at Assumption, our class leaders took a *Novel Approach* and worked hard to bring the class together just about every weekend. This weekend; however, was one that we will not soon forget.

We got all dolled up and headed out for the evening. The busses were parked outside the Campus Center, and the walk was a tad chilly. We arrived at the Holden Hills Country Club and did what we do best... PARTY!

It was in the middle of mid-terms and we were about to kill each other if we did not get a release. We danced and we had a ball. Putting out of our minds that this was one of the last chances we would have to get together as a whole class.



Top: Mark Cleland, Jared Bouzan, Chad Radock. Left: Roberto Bosco, Nick Chacherone. Above: Chris Fuller, Brian Naughton.





Top Left: Chrissy Tanionos, Ann Marie O'Connor. Courtney Griffin, Carol Stevens. Top Right: Chantal Royer, Jess Shivy, Meghan Murray. Middle: Ellen Rodio, Kristin Cullinan. Bottom: Ryan "Beetle" Dumond, Paul Briggs.

Left: Jill Patnode, Stephanie Forgione, Kelly Cavanaugh, Jennifer Ebeling, Michael Bonin, Chery Godbout, Marge Pierce, Mary Beth Agostino



Return of

The "Grub"



WHAT'S BETTER THAN 300 OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE AND THIRTEEN KEGS TO SHARE WITH THEM?

NOTHING!!!

It was a beautiful spring day in April. April 25th to be exact. There was beer, burgers, dogs, and a band. Even Larry the Librarian joined the fun when he did his stand up routine on stage.

The good weather had finally come, and there was only one thing to do... Replay our first weekend on campus. A huge success, The Return of the Grub was a spectacular time. Although we were cased in by barricades and the Campus Center, We still found a way to toss the pigskin, or frisbee, or hackey-sack.

The band played, the food was cooked and the kegs rolled out, one after the other. Only twenty five more days until we would be assimilated into the dreaded Real World.









HALLOWEEN CLUB 21

Welcome back to Halloween Club 21! Who could ever forget that fateful night when we saw Kevin "Tiny" Connolly dressed as a big baby?? He must have saved a while for those Huggies. No party at a good Catholic School like Assumption would ever be complete without Adam and St... Uh... no- Eve... Or in this case, Marc Cleland and Ryan Mahoney. Everyone showed up in costumes from the Wicked Queen in Snow White to the Scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz. Nobody will ever forget this Club 21, where we all got together (as well as down and dirty) in our crazy costumes.







Senior Week '97

HOW LONG DID WE HEAR ABOUT "SENIOR WEEK" FROM THE GRADUATES BEFORE US?

We heard that it would be the craziest week of our lives... And that would be the truth! Some of our fondest memories of Assumption College would spring from this experience, and also some that we would like to forget all together.

Finals had finally ended, and we were all rejoicing about our last finals week being completed. We started right away. And had gatherings in our apartments. Six men was the place to be, and we were all there!!! Even those of us who did not live in six men did for this week.

Sunday night is when it all started. We had the Class gift dedication and then... We departed in Style! You and five of your best friends piled into a limousine headed to the bars of Worcester. It was almost a replay of the back nine bar crawl. Assumption's Class of 1997 terrorized all the favorite hot spots. From the Blarney Stone to Leitrim's, to Green Street, to Rack n Rhythm we danced and had a great time.

Monday, after the recuperation period of a whopping six to eight hours, (most of us decided that it would be a good idea to head back to sixmen and "hang out" We headed to Boston for the Booze Cruise. The sun was bright, and our custom built school busses took us down the MassPike to Boston. On the Cruise there was dinner, dancing and a wonderful time. The drinks were already paid for, and we took full advantage of that.

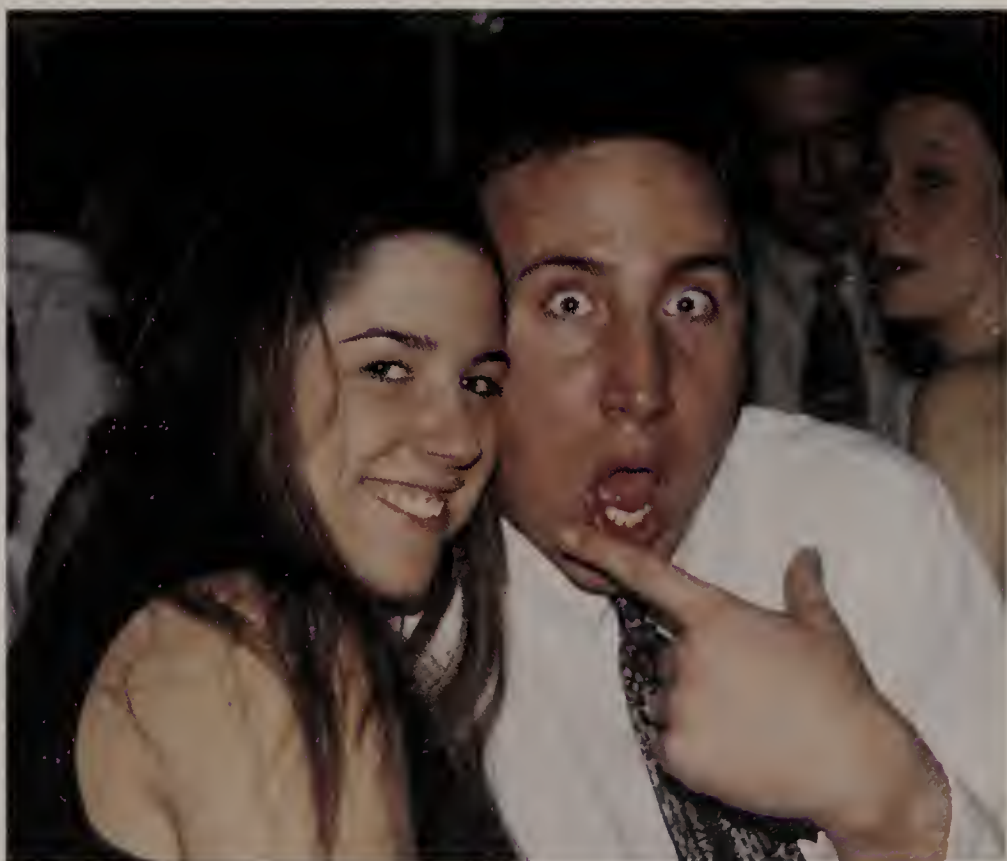
Afterward, we headed to Houlihan's. Located in the Quincy Market place, we continued where we left off on the boat. The most inter-



esting part of the night had begun. Crammed onto a tiny dance floor, we had a great time.

On Tuesday night, we had a small reprieve from the action of the two nights before. We were entertained by a

wonderful comedian and Frank Santos, X-Rated Hypnotist. While most of us sat and watched, our friends climbed on stage and were put under. Our comedy that night was watching a sordid array of various sexual, and





Senior



Week '97

not so sexual, post hypnotic suggestions.

The highlight was "Dickman" the famed superhero of Assumption's Class of 1997. Our Hero was



Mark Cleland, who got decked out in panty hose and a cape and fought evil with his magic gun. Other scenes included a posedown at the end of the night, and a lollipop sucking contest.

We put our traveling shoes on for a trip to Cape Cod on Wednesday. Our class was entertained by Jimmy Plunkett, an entertainer who's sole intent was to involve the crowd as much as possible. The location, The Improper Bostonian. This little bar somewhere in the middle of Cape Cod was the perfect college bar. The signs on the wall, the atmosphere bred a great time for all who attended.

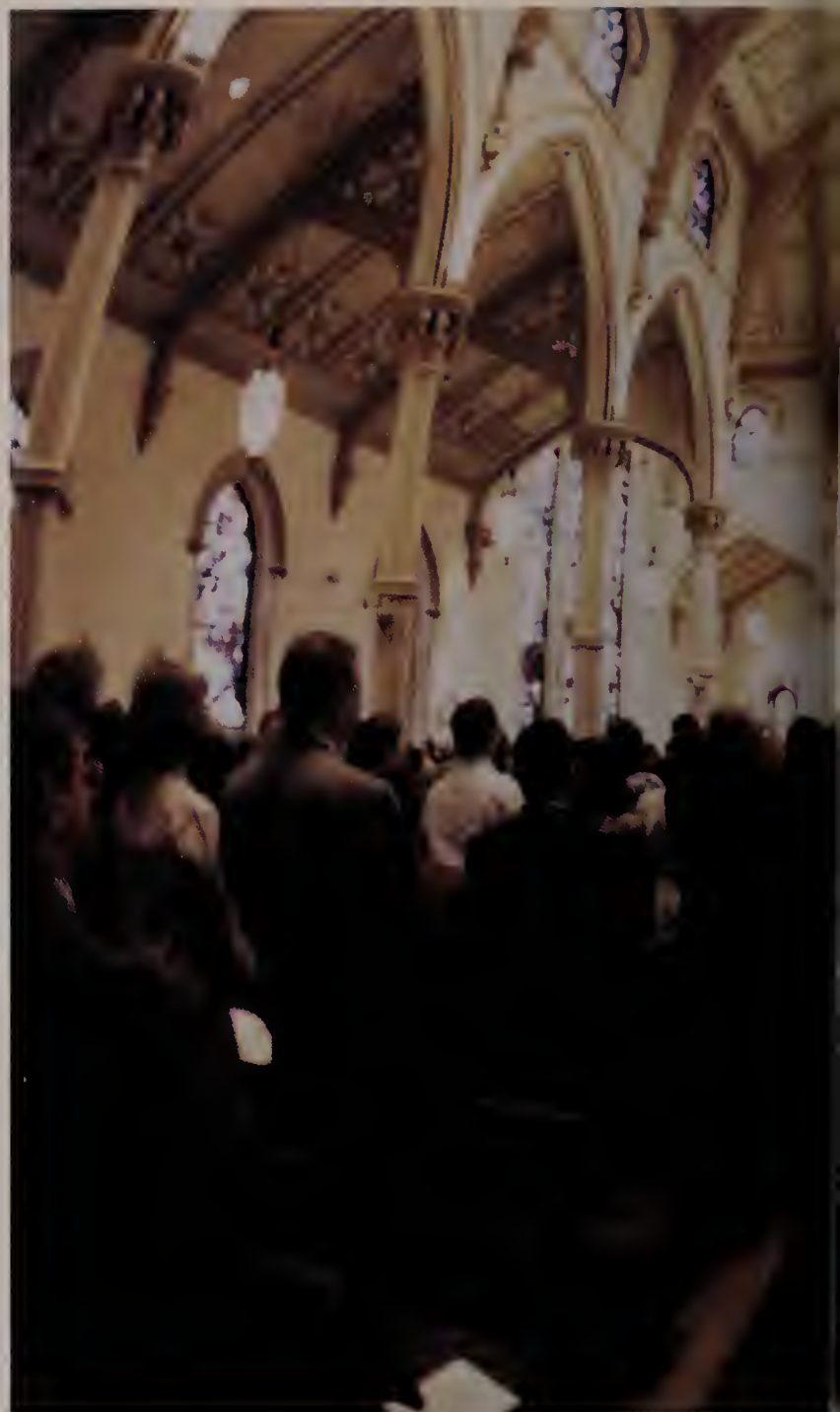
We then retired to the hotel where we had the biggest House Party this side of the Mississippi River. We

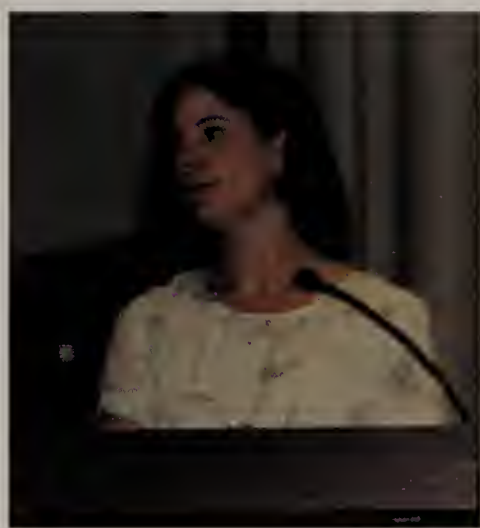
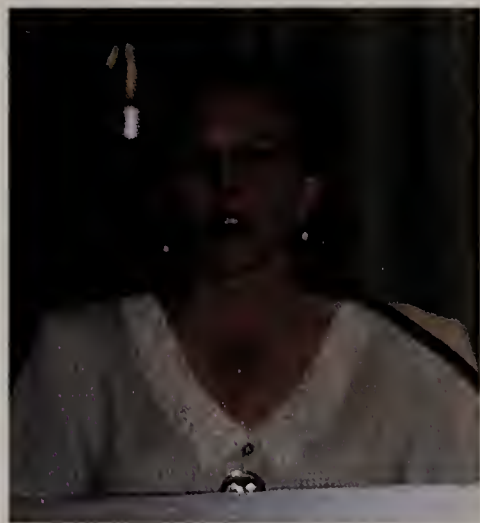
partied well into the night while realizing that in less than sixty hours we would be graduates. That fact, however was dismissed early because we were intent on partying and celebrating with our classmates.

Way too early for most of us, the Golfers awakened at 8:00 am to hit the greens. The rest of us slept until we found it absolutely necessary to get up. A good portion of us hung over quite badly, we went for some rest and relaxation at the Glen Allen Country Club. Again we had free beer and lots of food. This beautiful day was filled with sunbathing, volleyball, basketball, golf, and plain old resting. We were getting ready for the big days ahead. Baccalaureate and Commencement.



Baccalaureate





Commencement





President William M. Bulger, University of Massachusetts

"Don't be afraid to make up your mind when you have thought a thing through. Don't be ashamed of you convictions. The alternative is to believe in nothing at all, and that is a lonely, barren, and rather useless condition."

Our Commencement Speaker was the President of the University of Massachusetts, William M. Bulger. Presi-

— **“** And since we can never stop thinking, We should never delude ourselves that we are educated. The trruth is that-- for better or worse-- we are alsays becoming educated. **”** —

d e n t
Bulger was also a former President of the Massachusetts Senate. A legend in t h e Commonwealth's political

history, Bulger was president of the Senate for thirteen years, after serving several years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and several more in the Senate.

His accomplishments are broad and varied. Not the least of them, to get a group of people to think. He did this in his tenure in the Senate, although sometimes his thoughts were the ones that the Senate had to think. However, his message to us this day was to never stop learning, and to read, since in his words, "...[books] provide excitement and companionship and they will set you free."



Maureen Killay,

Associate Dean of Students

The 1997 Yearbook staff is pleased to announce that this year's Yearbook is dedicated to Maureen P. Killay, Associate Dean of Students, and Director of Student Activities.

In her nine years as Director of Student Activities at Assumption College, Maureen (more affectionately called Mo) revolutionized the way that Assumption bred its student leaders. Years of great Student Government Associations, Campus Activities Boards and other student leaders got the chance to know this wonderful individual.

Mo has a heart of gold, and would do anything for her friends. She has left Assumption with our class to make her way in the "real world", and her endeavor is a success. We all wish Mo good luck in the future, and hope that someday Village Cafe will be a world wide chain of restaurants.

Assumption College bids a fond farewell to one of its most respected and irreverent members, our dean, our adviser, our role model, but most of all, our friend.





a Novel
APPROACH





Special Events



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This chapter is devoted to the activities that the students of Assumption College participated in, planned, and enjoyed. Some of our greatest moments here were carefully thought out by the Campus Activities Board. We had a rockin' time dancing around the Christmas Tree at the Holiday Ball. We enjoyed all of the programming of the Coffee Houses, the Comedy of the various comedians that spent time here, and weekends that we spent with parents, alumni, and siblings.



Holiday Ball 1996

Fancy dresses, twenty limousines, dinner, sort lights, dancing...

Picture the ambiance as you step into the ball room surrounded by friends and being carried away by the lights and the music. Add in yourself, and 500 other Assumption Students who were all done up in their best suits and dresses for the 1996 Holiday Ball.

This year's Ball was a giant success. It was an evening of dinner and dancing at the Crowne Royal Hotel in Downtown Worcester. In attendance for the evening were students, faculty, administration and President and Mrs. Hagan. Even Mrs. Hagan was treated to some dancing at the ball.

This event was the product of long hours of planing and preparation where people could let go on the dance floor and laugh and dance to songs like "The Train", or dance romantically with your very special date for the evening. The Holiday Ball was an evening that would remain in the hearts and minds of Assumption Students forever.

Katie Archacki '97 Jenn
Cunningham '97



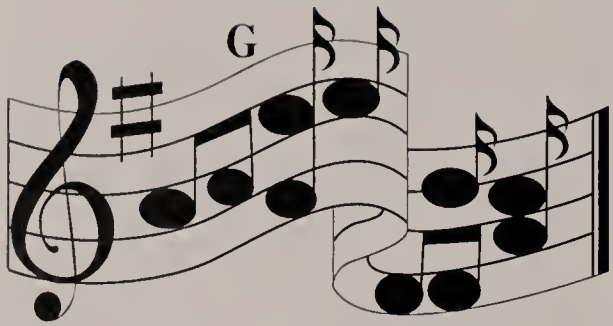


Left Top: Ellen Rodio, JaimieDiCandia, Jessica Vasale, Mike Mullins, Kevin Connolly, Katie Archacki, Erin Kennedy, Matt O'Connor, Jay Odoardi, Allison Gomarlo. Left Middle: Alicia Josepheson, Tara Piasic, Jenn Thompson, Amanda Rossi, Adam Gove, Dave Nordman, Chris Olsen, Mike Simms, Brian Lahue Left Bottom: Mike Yuroff, Joe Chickanese, Sheila MacDonald

Top Right: Jill Miller, Ryan Dumond, Dawn Hynes, Scott Klayner, Katherine Hill, Marty Kilcourse, Dina Mastracchio, Paul Briggs. Next to that: Sara Shellington, Chrissy Indresano, Melissa Carlson, Erin Bruhm. Middle: Stacey Bilowz, Brendan Lundt. Next to that: Matt Kline, Kelly Cavanaugh, Stephanie Forgione, Nicole Grady, Jill Patnode, Kurt Krause, Jen Ebeling, John Dooley. Below: Kevin Farley, Vallerie Holland, Angela Grillo, Toni Vaccaro, Kristina Gilbert.



Coffee House



Every Wednesday night, the Campus Activities Board provided live entertainment for students in the campus center. Bands from all over, including those from Assumption, gave crowd pleasing performances.



Chapter in Verse



**Tom the Junction Guy and his
All Star Band**



**Jessica Carneiro, Jen Jones,
Kerrie Demers**





Orion: Chris Babin, Chris Olson, Brian Lahue, Neil O'Rourke
Brett Antonio, Rob Foster



Riddlin: Joe Parrillo, Kyle Soule, Henry Kac

The highlight of Coffee House was seeing fellow students perform. Along with Tom the Junction Guy, bands Orion and Riddlin gave their all. Other bands were also included from all across the United States. These bands ranged from folk to hard rock and punk. This combination always pleased the rather diverse audience of Assumption students.

AND THE CROWD GOES
WILD!



more events...









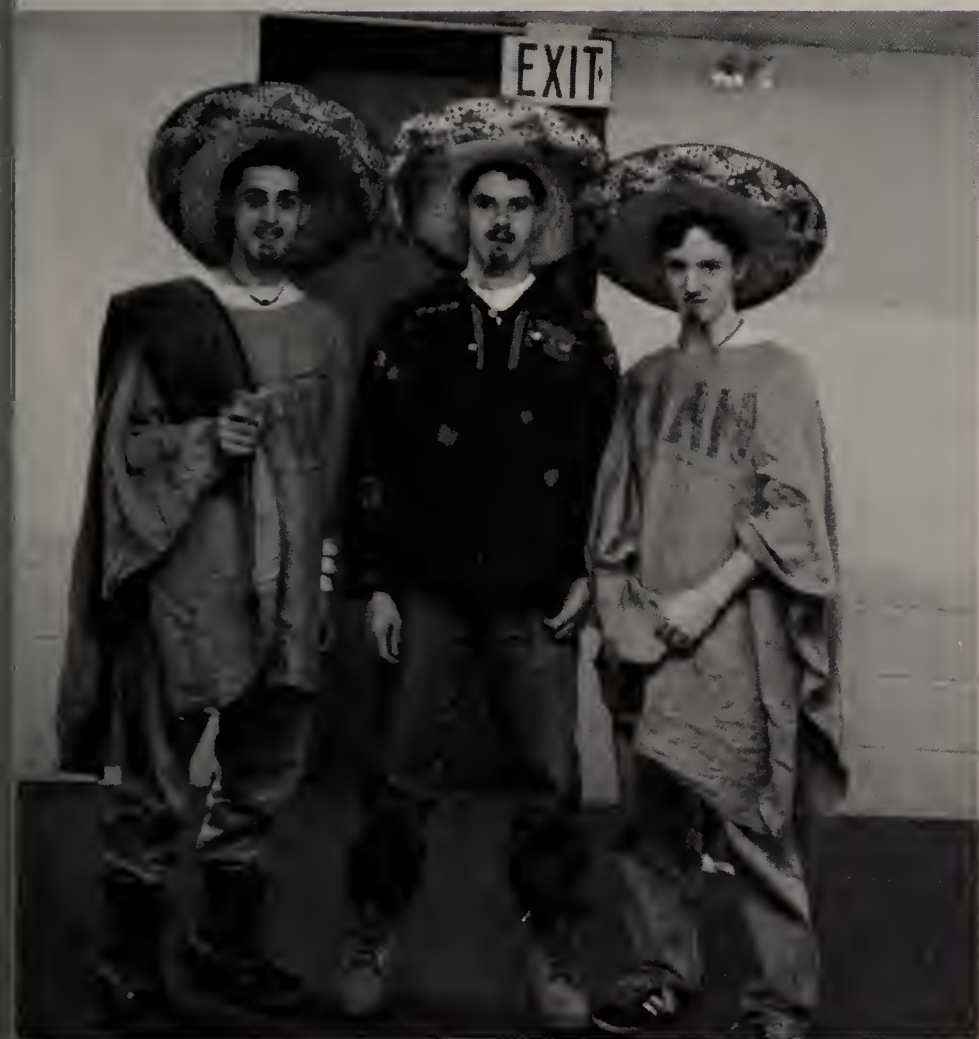


















Jennifer E.

*Congratulations
to our "Little Girl"!!!!*

Love,

Mom, Dad &

Ryan



Kristen,

*You have once again accomplished
what you have set out to do! I am so very
proud!*

Love,

Mom



Kara C.-

*Seems like just
yesterday.*

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom & Dad

T.R. -

Congratulations!

Proud of you!!

Love Mom and Dad!



Kev,

Congratulations!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jeff,
Gina, and Lil



Debbie,

We're all very proud of you!!
Especially ME!!!!

Mike

Chris,

Still Making a SPLASH!
Congratulations.

Love Mom & Dad



Congratulations Toni!!!

We've been proud of
you from the very start!

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Nicole,

Congratulations!!!!

*We are so very proud of
you!!!*

Love, Mom, Dad and Toby



Jenn,

*Congratulations on your accomplishments!
We're sure that you will enrich the lives of many
children with your gifts of love and kindness.*

Love,

Dad, Nancy, Mom, Paul, and Heather

Adam F.-

*Thanks for the memories!!!
We love you!!!*

Mom & Dad





Michael Cole-

Congratulations to our favorite son!!! We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Erin-
You've
struggled
down a
long,
hard
road,
and
made it
to the



end!!!! Good Job!! We're very
proud of you. Love,
Mom and Dad



Courtney,
You've made us
so proud!!! We
love you!
Mom, Dad,
Andrea, Kevin and
John!!!!

Michael T. Sumes.

We are all very proud of you! May
your hard work bring you success
and happiness in the future!
Congratulations and love, Mom,
Dad, Mary Kay, Bobby and
Grandparents.



With God in your
heart, no jump in
life is too high!!
We love you, Ryan!

Mom, Dad, Brendan, Trevor & Toto

Jenna,
Congratulations!!
We're so proud of
you!!!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Sarah





To our Lovely Daughter Megan,
Thank you for bringing such pride and
happiness into our lives. We love you
and hope all your dreams come true!!
Congratulations to you and the Class
of 1997!

Mom, Dad, Tommy, Ryan, & Casey

Keri-

From a little girl with glasses, to
sleepovers at my house, to all those
dance recitals, to driving to P.J. with only
your permit, to Assumption plays... end-
less memories of you. Looking forward
to the next chapter of your life,

Love,

Karen

To our "baby Girl" Keri,
With PRIDE for all that you have
accomplished,
With CONFIDENCE for all that you
will achieve,
With LOVE for who you are,

We love you,

Mom, Dad, & Janes xoxo

Keri-

Congratulations!! Best of luck
in the future!!

Love, Roland & Carole

I love you!!!

-Rolly

Keri-

Just to let you know I am very proud of you and I love
you very much!

Nana

To my special niece and godchild, Nice Work! What's
Next? I love you!

Love, Auntie Corrine and Brian

Still Watching.....

What a wonderful Birthday Present!!

Your "true" Guardian Angel

Keri Lynne, You gave us,

Precious moments

Abundant with smiles and tears,

Radiant Dreams,

Enriched by Love.

Nurturing Hopes,

Timeless moments of Worry

Soothed by Unity and love.

Both of us blessed

Young at heart

Left without child?

Only in the womb!

Very Blessed with child

Eternally from the heart.

We love you and couldn't be any prouder.
Uncle Mike and Auntie Glo



To our "Little Girl"-
Who will always be our
little girl.
Welcome to the "Big
Girl" world!!
We're proud of you!!
Congratulations and
Love,
The "Rents"

Jarred Varanelli-
The last four years have
been:

- A. Exhilarating
- B. Rewarding
- C. Entertaining
- D. EXPENSIVE!
- E. All of the Above

Congratulations! We Love you!

Mom, Dad, Alicia, Larry, Alexa, Jeff, Jeanette, Chris
and the Grandmas



"You'll always be our Precious
Little Girl"

Congratulations, We're so
Proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad



Dear Jessica,
You have brought happiness and
Joy to us from your birth continu-
ing to the present and we know,
into the future.

Jessica Joy Vasale,
Thank you for being our Daughter!
All our love, Good Luck and pros-
perity,

Mom, Dad & Heather



Kristina Gilbert
 "Nina"
 Congratulations, We are
 so very proud of your
 accomplishments. May
 all of your dreams come
 true. You deserve the
 best.
 Love,
 Mom, Dad &
 Jennifer

Chantal R.-

We are so
 proud of you!!!

Congratulations!!

Love,

Dad and Joan.



Mark,

There are only two lasting bequeaths we can
 hope to give our children one is roots; the other,
 wings.

-Hodding Carter

Congratulations, Mark, for all you've accom-
 plished, but mostly for being who you are!!

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Michael

Marcie G.

Congratulations!!

Today is your Day!!

We Love you very much!!!

Your Family



Joe B.-

You've always
 given us reason to
 be proud!

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom & Dad



Patrick Greehan,
 Great Job!

Congratulations

Love,

Mom & Dad



Beth,

First Grade through College-
We've always been proud of you!!!

Congratulations!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Melany

Well done, Jeff !!!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom & Dad



Michael B.-
Congratulations!
We're Proud of
you. There's noth-
ing stopping you
now!

Love Mom & Dad



Jenn B.-

We're so
proud! Congratu-
lations! All our
Love,
Mom & Dad
Brenda & Mitch

Brian L.-

Congratulations on a job well done!
We're all so proud of you and your accomplish-
ments. You've made some great friends and
spent a wonderful four years with AC. We wish
you the very best in your future goals.

God bless you!

Love always,

Mom, Dad, Lori, & Greg

You've come a long
way, Baby, and we're
so proud of you.

Love,

Andrew, Tim,
Mom, & Dad





Chris Widelo,

*We Knew you could do it!!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Kim & Chad*



*No, You
didn't drop
the Ball!!
You went
ahead to
score!!
Your par-
ents are
proud.
Go now...
There's
Much More!!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*



Mark Cleland:

Congratulations!! You Did it!!!

Now... Get a Job!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, David and Rambo

Allison Jansky-

*Our Gift From God = you!!
Congratulations!*

Love ya!! Mom & Dad





Kevin Coleman,

Congratulations!!

Love Mom,

Dad, and Fran



Rosebud

*A precious flower still
blooming,*

*Growing more radiant
everyday,*

*Leaving no room for
imperfection.*

*Strong roots
embedded firmly,*

*Succulent pedals longing...
for nature to sing
its song to her.*

*Congratulations Carla and the
Class of '97!*

Love, Mom, Dad, and Mark



Dear Dean,
 Congratulations!
 We are so proud of you.
 Always live life to the
 fullest and believe in
 yourself. During your life
 look for the solutions not
 the problems. Make your
 dreams come true.
 Love Mom, Dad, Danette
 & Tracy



Jay,
 Congratulations
 on a job well
 done. We wish
 you health, hap-
 piness and every
 success always.
 Love you,
 M-D-J+K



Congratulations
 Allison!
 We love you and are so proud of you.
 May you always be as sweet and happy as
 you were in this picture 20 years ago.
 All our love,
 Mom and Dad



Congratulations to Adrienne,
 Our little Accountant

We're very proud of you!!
 Love, Mom & Dad



Sharon Noreen Brault
 From your first day at
 school to your last, You
 have been a wonderful
 student and a really great
 human being. We are so
 proud of you and we love
 you!

Mom & Dad

Ginger Mroczkowski
 --Congratulations--
 You made us proud!!!
 Love,
 Mom & Dad



Matthew McGowan
 Congratulations, Little Guy!!
 Love,
 Mom, Dad, Ali, Marty, and
 Nanie

Congratulations , Kerry
 Love,
 Mom, Dad & Mike



Jennifer T.-

We're so proud of you!!!
 Congratulations!
 Love,
 Mom & Dad



Shelley M-
 Congratulations
 for a job well
 done! We're Very
 Proud of you!!
 Love,
 Mom & Dad



Lynn Ann- Our
 little munchkin.
 Wishing you the
 best life can bring!!
 We love you tons!

Mom & Dad



-Gina-
Hard work
and deter-
mination
made your
dreams a
reality...

May God
bless you

with happiness and health as you
travel along life's road...

We're so proud of you and all that
you have achieved...

Congratulations

Love, Mom, Dad, Julie, & Nicholas



You're the Best!!!

Congratulations!!

Love,

Mom & Dad



Katie Archacki-

You are the apple of our
eyes, the sunshine of our
lives. You have done great
things. We are so proud of
you. Especially for surviving
all of those Back "9" nights.
Good Luck. We know you'll do

awesome things. We love you. The Real World may not be
ready for you, but you sure are ready for it!!

Congratulations!!

Love Mom, Dad, Julia, Kristen, & Blue

Dear Michelle,

We are all so very proud of the wonderful daughter and sister that you are to us. Congratulations on your achievement which is well deserved. Remember that you are the painter and sculptor of your own life. Go into the world and create your masterpiece!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Stephen
and Joseph



Chad Radock-

We are all so proud of all of your accomplishments both at Assumption, and in the Real World. We have no doubt that you will do well in whatever you endeavor. Your future is yours to determine, so make sure that when you get to where you're going, you call!!

Love, Mom, Bernie & Peter



Jennifer,
You're graduating from college..What can we say? We love you and are so proud of you. You've grown up to be a beautiful young woman!! Good luck in the future.
Love, Dad, Mom, Colleen, Andrew and Gram

Anne V.-

The road to graduation was a little rocky and not always straight. But, the ride was worth it!! We are all very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad,
and Jon





Faculty



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The faculty at Assumption is a group of people who are among the most dedicated and knowledgeable in the world. Our President, Dr. Joseph Hagan is known around the world not only as a very successful college president, but also as Gentleman in Waiting for His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

Others in our faculty are known on the international circuit as great thinkers in their disciplines and in the liberal arts. Not only does our faculty have a vested interest in their own education, but even more so in their students.

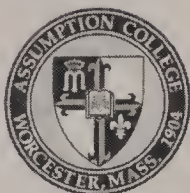
Something unusual at other campuses, but widely accomplished on the Assumption Campus, is the interaction between the faculty and the students. Faculty and students learn together in projects and independent studies, while socialization with professors allows the student to better understand where the professor is coming from.

The Class of 1997 thanks the Faculty for all they have done for us.





President Joseph H. Hagan



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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500 Salisbury Street, PO Box 15005, Worcester, MA 01615-0005 Tel: 508/752-5615

To the Student Body of Assumption College:

I welcome this opportunity to extend greetings to the student body of Assumption College and warmest congratulations to the members of the Class of 1997.

Assumption College strives to educate you in the traditions of Christianity and the liberal arts and to promote Christian living. We are a community of learning in the Catholic tradition and dedicated to the pursuit of truth wherever it is found. We are dedicated to the development of the whole person and concerned with your welfare, academically, spiritually, and personally.

It is my fervent hope that the time you have spent at Assumption has prepared you to meet the challenges that lie ahead. In a special way, it is my hope that the graduating Class of 1997 leaves Assumption better prepared to assume the responsibilities of citizenship and Christian living. The motto of the College - Until Christ Be Formed in You - is one I hope will remain with you throughout your lives as a reminder of our final destiny and of the source of all that is good.

Your education did not begin at Assumption, nor should it end with graduation. Likewise, I sincerely hope that for the graduating Class of 1997 this is the beginning of a long and joyful association with your Alma Mater. I welcome and look forward to your continued interest as alumni and alumnae.

May God grant all of you good health, happiness, and success.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Hagan
Joseph H. Hagan
President





**Charles Flynn,
Provost**



**Robert Brill,
Vice President
for Institutional Advancement**



**Frank Gurley,
Vice President for Finance**



**Thomas Dunn,
Vice President for Admissions and
Financial Aid**



**Richard Christiansen,
Vice President for Student Life**





**Paul Douilliard,
Dean of Academic Life**



**Dorothy Laton,
Associate Dean of Academic Life**



**Maureen Killay,
Associate Dean of Students,
Director of Student Activities**



**Rob Callahan,
Assistant Dean of Students**



**Brenda Hounsell,
Assistant Director of
Student Activities**

**Department
listing:
Estus, Ammons,
Melia, Wu, Ayree,
Gendron,
Rubinfield**



Sociology and Anthropology



**Department
Listing:
Carluccio, Elias,
Moline, Stuart,
Hansen, St. John,
Siddle,
Dougherty,
Ursprung, Brink,
Daniel, March,
Trudel, Sabelli,
Brooks, Cosenza,
Mercier, Micari,
Reno**

Social and Rehab. Services





**Crutcher,
Mahoney, Powers,
Schultz, R.Burke,
Hagan, Schaefer**

Politics



**Hickey,
Kanterelis, Lynn,
Fahy, White,
Charlebois,
Doyle**



Economics and Foreign Affairs



**Aubin,
deMoor, Begley,
Catto, Christianson,
Hamos, Howe,
Kercher, Plasse,
Bergel, Coudert,
Elissondo,
Beirfeldt,
Pulchasky, Ryan,
Solbakken**



Foreign Languages



**McClymer,
Moynichan,
Oehling, Silveri,
Ziegler,
Choquette,
Gallo, Watters**

History





**Elkind, Kielbasa,
Pallatto-Fontaine,
Stutz, Zern**

Education



**Brown, Brusard,
Carlin, Cioffari,
Fry, Alfano, Auger,
Brunelle,
Driehaus,
Katcher**

Math and Computer Science



**Bromberg,
Diodati, Foley,
Harvey, Marino,
Mohaghegh,
Greenough,
Hunter, Sadd,
Sullivan,
VanLeuvan,
Fitzpatrick,
Kingsley,
O'Connor**



Business Studies



**Burke, O'Shea,
True, Ady,
Castaldi, Jahn,
McGonigle,
Murphy, Cotter,
DiBiasio,
Gottfried,
Mazucco-Than,
Thoreen,
Pulchasky**

English





**Barnitt, Brynes,
Mahon, Meunier,
Reisert, Sholes,
Borroni, Dix,
Schandel,
Slavkovsky,
Theroux**

Natural Science

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**Bauer, Berquist,
Douillard,
Gallagher,
Carroll Keeley,
Corrigan,
Gardner, Seaton**



Philosophy

**Lamothe,
Flanagan,
Graveline,
Lamoureux,
M. A. Powers,
Clemente, Corbin,
Hart, Hopkins,
Marran, Ogawa,
Toomey**



Art and Music



**LePain, Rollins,
Dargis, Torracco,
Cotter, Gallagher,
Corriveau,
Duross, Guerin,
Simon**



Theology







Townhouses



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APPROACH











Alumni Hall



First Floor



Second Floor



Third Floor



First Floor



Second Floor



Third Floor



Desautels Hall



Salisbury Hall



Basement



Second Floor



First Floor



Third Floor

Worcester Hall



Basement



First Floor



Second Floor



Third Floor



Wachusett Hall



First Floor



Second Floor



Third Floor



Nault Hall



Hanrahan Hall



Young Hall



The “Hill”



Off Campus (Formerly 4F)

Megan Roussel

Ally Link

Kerri Frangioso

Holly Wesman



Off Campus

Tracey Alves

Teresa Dasilva

Nicole Dauphinee

Brenda Melillo

Ann-Marie Clancy

Patricia Murphy



T 3

Kevin Farley

Robert Stone

Jeff St. Jean

Shawn Nicholas

Jim Norris

Jason Andolina





T 7 Jennifer Casey, Kate Minahan, Wendi Johanan
Micky Abbateamarco, Tara Bucciaglia, MaryAnn Guerrera



T 16 Joe Sala, Joe Becker, Dan Bowden, Chris Dauphinee
(Missing from photo: Mike Montville)

T 9
Jennifer Thompson
Jennifer Bergin
Amanda Rossi



4 C
Scott Eggert
Tommy Cable
Mark Tomkalski



4 B

Stephanie Forgione, Jennifer Ebeling,
Kelly Cavanaugh, Jill Patnode



4 D

Crystal Charbonneau, Courtney Griffin,
Nicole Langlois, Amie Neubauer



4 I

Amy Siematkowski
Amy DeCeronimo
Mandy Rutherford
Teri Boncore

4 G

Jessica Moreira
Meagan Downs
Danielle Niska
Tara Martin





4 H
 Chad Radock
 Chris Widelo
 Adam Mucinskas
 Brian Kaczor

4 L
 Michelle Roy
 Alicia Josephson
 Tara Diascik



5 A
 Rebecca Banaski
 Jessica Vasale
 Gina Mendillo
 Ellen Rodio
 Kristen Smatt





5 B
 Stacy Talbot
 Keri Smith
 Carolyn Flynn
 Laurie Whelan
 Allison Jansky

5 D
 Cheryl Godbout
 Mary Beth Agostino
 Margie Pierce
 Jennifer Berry



5 K
 Jen Shaw
 Ann Marie O'Connor
 Carol Stevens
 Meghan Murray
 Chrissy Tanionos
 Michelle Mannino



5 C

Adam Dumais
Melvin Miller
Derek Thompson
Brett Krause
Jim Durell

6 A
Michelle Darrella
Leanne Fasolino
Catherine Hill
Jen Jones
Shelly Morris
Molly Flanagan



6 D

Beth McAullife
Brenda Kinney
Janet Lacroix
Corrie Kapinos
Kristen Granger
Jill Sommers





6 F
Chris Fuller
Roberto Bosco
Brian Turbide
Michael Cole
Paul Cassidy

6 G
Chris Babin
Mark Cleland
Jared Bouzan
Steve Dewitt
Ryan Mahoney
Pat Greehan



6 E
Jill Brazao
Kristina Gilbert
Toni Vaccaro
Heather Leclair
Valerie Holland
Angela Grillo



6K
 Emily Greene
 Jill Miller
 Karen Flynn
 Loren Russo
 Dawn Hynes
 Ginger Mroczkowski

6 J
 Pat McNally
 Brian Naughton
 Mike Prefontaine
 Dan Moriarty
 Brian LaRue
 Todd Surrutte
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6 II
 Katie Archacki
 Erin Kennedy
 Allison Gomarlo
 Jenn Cunningham
 Beth-Ann Ceaney
 Lindsay Kerr



6 M
 Julie Ochs
 Jessica Carniero
 Jennifer Thomson
 Kara Cisek
 Ericka Harris



6 N
 Heather Thompson
 Nicole Carceau
 Debra Sheridan
 Deidre Fillios
 Mary Ellen Kane
 Janet Gerace

6 P
 Mike Coppola
 John Brady
 Dave Franz
 Jared Varanelli
 Bret Chevrier
 Mark Dolan



6 O

Caroline Berube
Sue Mercier
Jenna Albrecht
Christina Kabasinskas
Soula Giamalis
Adrienne Doan



6 S

Mike Overy
Jamie Merloni
Chris Paquette
Drew Gill
Brian McDevitt
Mike Corgan
Kevin Coleman

6 T

Heather Hilton
Sharon Deraney
Emily Vaillant
Jen Lemoine
Rita Mohr
Amanda Ashe



6 U

Chris "Tanto" Marrese
Jay Odoardi
Scott Klayner
Ryan Dumond
Kevin Connolly
Marty Kilcourse



6 W

Jen Traks
Chrisanne Robicheau
Nicole Skaltsis
Christine Carter



6 X

Ellen Callahan
Joanna Russo
Fran Hepner
Laura Martin
Paula Astuti
Ashley Anderson
Julie MacFarlane





6 R

Kristin Toscano, Amy Chamberlin, Dorie Blackerby, Stephanie Acierno, Nancy VanStone

5 L

Chantal Royer
Heather Murkett
Steph Ouellette
Jess Shivy
Kit Perrino



5 J

Erin Bruhm
Kristen Ludy
Patty Aselton
Sara Shellington
Krissy Indresano
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Campus

News



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APPROACH

This year was a news maker, all right — from the changes we saw when we got back to school for our final year, to the new guy in the basement of Founders with the new title — “Provost.”

Our campus is rarely static, therefore we touch on some of the news stories that affected the 1996-1997 school year.





New Additions



The most noticeable addition to the Assumption campus is the new handicapped

accessible walkway connecting La Maison to Taylor Dining Hall, and to the "Quad." Not only is it attractive, it is a more direct route. The guard shack was remodeled. Now, every X-wing fighter must stop! The Chapel of the Holy Spirit, where every good Jedi Warrior meditates before battle, had the first three rows of pews taken out and moveable chairs put in their place. New slate was laid, and the altar was raised one step. The Chapel gained new lighting, which dramatically changed the atmosphere. No matter what the lighting, we are always told that the force is with us.

Forty years ago, in a time far, far, away, the Assumption College campus was built. It was here that the tradition continued. The campus continued to grow until it visibly needed help. Doctors were called in to give the campus a face lift. A lot of reconstructive work was done both internally and externally. This would keep the campus running for another forty years. Since our freshman year, a new roof has been replaced every year. The Academic Support Center was moved from the Media Center to the D'Alzon Library and an editing lab was created in its place in support of the new communications major. The French Institute also found a new home nestled in the library. Taylor Dining Hall was extensively remodeled. The Campus Center acquired a new checkered floor, stage, sound system, lighting, and pool tables.

For the '96-'97 year the doctors have again been hard at work. One noticeable improvement were the renovations performed on Hanrahan and Young Halls. These two halls were given new rugs, furniture which is moveable, paint, and remodeled bathrooms. From the 70's into the 90's at warp speed, "punch it Chewy!"

La Maison and Fuller Hall also benefitted from this remodeling; they too had their carpets replaced. Fuller also moved into the high tech age with its new computer lab. "Resnet" (Residential Network) cable has been laid through out the campus which will eventually bring the Internet and cable to every room on campus.



The Le Provocateur Goosed... Pages

**John Brady,
Le Provocateur Staff**

Mr. Ducky, Not so Lucky!

As usual the lovely Canadian geese and beautiful ducks swooped down to refresh themselves in the invigorating water of our duck pond.

However, their ordinary process was quickly impeded. Would anyone care to surmise why? That's Right!! Ugly yellow ropes which extended from stakes placed intermittently around the pond. Thus, our little and admittedly sometimes dirty amigos were unable to land.

This situation is somewhat analogous to an airplane flight. How would you like it if you were attempting to land at La Guardia airport in New York and that landing was hindered because Canadian geese stretched rope across the runways.

This would not be too much fun? Would it?? No! It would not!

When I began this story, I decided that it would be very important and environmentally conscious to seek outside sources on this story. I received a plethora of opinions and emotions.

Senior Environmental Biology major, Heather Deloughrey stated, "I miss the ducks!" It seemed as though she began to tear up after I asked the question. Therefore, I immediately concluded the conversation.

"The reason ropes are there is so we can catch geese for Thanksgiving dinner!" mused grounds keeper Bill Nideur.

As Bill and I got wrapped up into conversation I realized that there were two alternatives to the ropes on the duck pond.

The first one being an immense black Newfoundland puppy. Although I am unable to release his name, I do have the authority to tell you his purpose on our campus. Basically he is here to chase away geese as well as ducks.

I have seen this ferocious puppy in action! It almost coerced me into flying south. His agility and catlike reflexes are implausible.

The second alternative before the ropes was GRAPE Kool aid! That's correct. Your eyes are not playing tricks on you. It's right here in black and white. Apparently the mastermind behind this particular idea assumed that this grape powder sub-

stance would prevent geese and ducks from continuing their lackadaisical living. Although this idea sounds absolutely outrageous, it did decrease the amount of geese and ducks in the area. Thus cutting down on the incredible mess they have apparently have been responsible for.

The so-called duck pond isn't really a pond at all. It's actually a failed attempt at recreating wetlands destroyed by development on campus. Therefore its only significant contribution to the campus is the fact that it houses the beautiful migratory Canadian geese and ducks. When that aspect was taken away by the immoral placement of deadly ropes, we as a college community are left with nothing. "Those poor geese," said senior Biology major Dave Franz.

As you can perceive, the emotions varied about the duck pond. They ranged from deep concern, to depression, all the way to humor.

Now, I understand that the defecation, or guano if you will, causes an untidy area. However, we as students and employers must come to the realization that this is Mother Nature at her best!



Busted!!!

Paul Briggs

Le Provocateur Editor-in-Chief

On January 17, 1997, Ryan P. Cannon of Woburn, then a member of the College's Class of 2000, was arraigned in Central District Court on charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana, according to District Attorney John J Conte's office.

Officers from the Department of Public Safety, who eventually made the arrest, responding to a minor disturbance in Salisbury Hall noticed what they believed to be marijuana in Cannon's Room and proceeded to conduct a joint investigation with the State Police Drug Unit.

After obtaining a search warrant Public Safety and State police officers searched the room and discovered about four pounds of marijuana with a wholesale value of about \$8,000, just about \$4,000 in cash, records of a bank account containing \$4,800, and records of drug transactions.

"The incident reminds us that our gates don't shield us from the world," said Vice-President for Student life Richard Christiansen. Indeed, it would be easy to forget that the College is a "...microcosm of the rest of the world," when this arrest was the first drug arrest ever made in a dorm here.

Considering that there was only one drug arrest in 1994 and 1995, and both of these involved much smaller amounts of narcotics, it is clear that this incident is an isolated one. History has shown that this college is not a haven for crime. In 1995 there were only four aggravated assaults, eleven burglaries, six arrests for violations of liquor laws and the one drug arrest mentioned above.

However, while the statistics show that we should all feel relatively safe on campus, this incident re-

minds us that we, "...can be lulled into a false sense of security," concluded Christiansen.

Although the arrest was both unexpected and unwelcome, it can be taken as a positive. By forcing us to be more aware, this event could help to deter a recurrence of this kind of conduct.

While the administration of the College can make an official statement in regards to its condemnation of such activity and expel Cannon, should be found guilty, it is up to us, the student body to create an atmosphere of intolerance which will discourage our fellow students from bringing that level of crime to our home.

Newly appointed Chief of Public Safety, Lisa Boudah wants students to know that they do not have to put up with this kind of activity. It is her goal, and the goal of public safety in general to insure that the students are provided with a learning environment that is the best it can be.

Chief Boudah encourages the students to utilize the mechanisms provided by Public Safety and Residential Life to resolve such unfavorable situations.

While she commended her officers for their conduct during the arrest and ensuing investigation, Boudah called on the students to help Public Safety to put a stop to such an activity before it ever reaches this magnitude again.

This college has a very safe campus, but incidents like this can give it a very bad image. Mr. Cannon's Alleged activities should serve to open our eyes and make us more aware as a community about what goes on here. The proceedings of Cannon's Trial are set to continue today. He has already transferred.



The Best Yet!!!

A Changing of the Guards in the Student Life Office.

This year was marked by a great deal of activity in the Office of Student life. Brenda Hounsell became the new Assistant Director of Student Activities while two familiar faces, Rick Christiansen and Rob Callahan, experienced new challenges by assuming the positions of Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students and Assistant Dean of Student Life respectively. Prior to this advancement, Rick Christiansen served as the Assistant Dean of Student Life and Rob Callahan held the position of Assistant Director of student Activities. Maureen Killay played a crucial role in easing the transitions while remaining the Associate Dean of Students/Director of Student Activities.

Rick, Rob, and Brenda all agree that they love their new positions because they have been given more opportunities for interaction with a variety of people and groups on campus. They share the sentiment that the extraordinary people at Assumption are the college's greatest resource, and they stress that there is a great deal we can learn from one another. They credit much of their success to the strong leadership of the Class of 1997.

Brenda describes her first year at Assumption as a very positive one. Her primary concern upon taking the job was with regard to the people with whom she would be working. She points out that it was the people at Assumption (students, staff, faculty, and administrators) that gave her the most satisfaction this year. Brenda found that she benefited greatly from the advice of those people who had been at Assumption for several years. The students with whom she worked were patient, open, and possessed a great deal of school spirit and pride.

One of the biggest challenges Brenda faced in her first year here was that many people thought she was a student. Brenda felt this worked to her advantage in many instances because students were more comfortable around her, which made them more apt to open up and talk to her.

Rick and Rob have had more opportunities for interaction with the Class of 1997, and they had only positive things to say about this group. Prior to this year, Rob was the advisor for the Campus Activities Board, and it was while serving in this capacity

that he became familiar with many members of the class. He remembers them as being very helpful and cooperative in the planning and attending of many big events on campus such as Parent Alumni Weekend, the Gin Blossoms concert, and senior activities this year.

Rick has been especially impressed by the responsibility and organization exhibited by the Class of 1997. Because of these characteristics, "the class has been allowed to do things and host events, such as Suds-N-Grub, that were never possible before." The class has proven themselves to be trust worthy, and it is obvious that the administrator recognize this because they have not had to turn down a single proposal made by the class this year. The leadership in the Class of 1997 is strong and worthy of notice.

One thing that has remained a constant in the Office of Student Life is the presence of Dean Maureen Killay. Her guidance and support have helped the Class of 1997 to become the excellent group of students that it is. Mo's leadership has been a part of the Student life office for ten years now, and on behalf of the class, I thank her for being an amazing advisor!

The Office of Student life encourages the Class of 1997 and all future classes to remain involved with the school. Alumni events are for recent graduates as much as for older ones. The administrators also advise everyone not to forget the friends made here or the lessons learned.

Rob shared that the Class of 1997 is comprised of "genuinely good, likeable people who are good natured and will do well in the future." They have been a great benefit to all the new administrators who were unsure in assuming their positions and had big questions. The administrators appreciate the ability to rely on the strength of the Class of 1997 to help them along the way. The class has something special about it which people at Assumption will talk for years to come. They will be remembered as one of the premier classes, and will definitely be missed by all of the administrators in the Office of Student Life.

Jenn Thompson is a senior English and Education Major.



snowbound & unwound



Finals had just begun
 Everyone was on the run
 Tests and papers had to be done
 But everyone's mind was on having fun.
 Just then the snow began to fall,
 "Come out and play" was the call
 The snow was piling up high-
 We were all relieved, and that's no lie
 We put down our books and headed out the door
 Not knowing what the day had in store.
 After snowmen were built and snowballs were
 thrown,
 Everyone was cold and wet right to the bone
 We headed in to get toasty and warm
 Escaping from the blizzard and storm.
 All seemed calmer until the power went out
 Once again students began to scream and shout
 No one could control us, there was nothing they
 could do
 It was a night to remember- and we hope you do
 too!

-Corrie Kapinos and Janet Lacroix '97

Top: Renee Leblanc, Janet Lacroix,
 Beth-Ann Geaney, Lindsay Kerr, Brenda
 Kinney Bottom Left: Nicole Skaltsis,
 Mike Overy, and Kristen Granger Bot-
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 and John Brady









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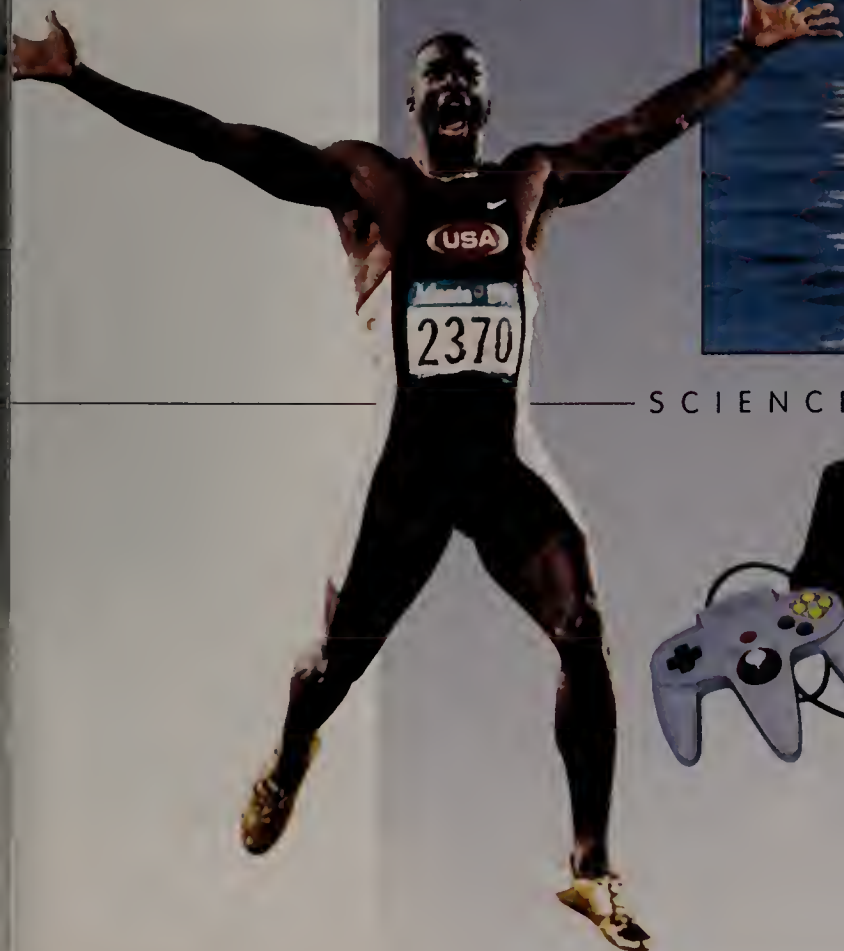
SCIENCE



FACES



ENTERTAINMENT



WORLD

flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

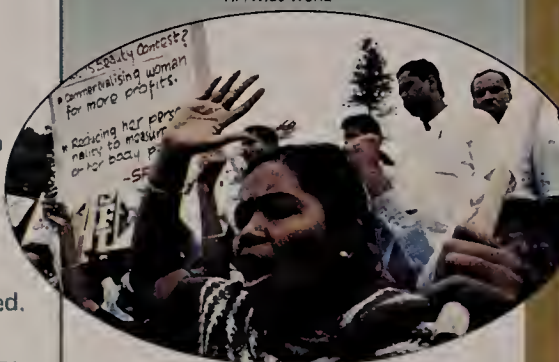
A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



AP/Wide World



Reuters/Archive Photos

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



AP/Wide World

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.



AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.



AP/Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

Reuters/Archive Photos



On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Agence France-Presse



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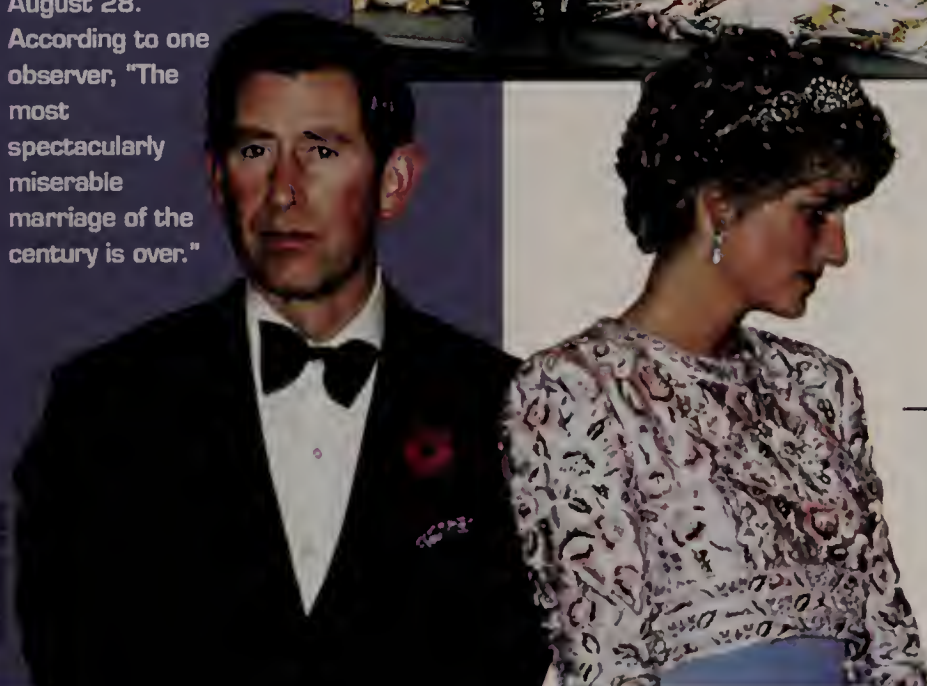
Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.



WORLD

NATIONAL

flash

The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsay is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Reuters/Archive Photos



Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



AP/Wide World



AP/Wide World

One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.




AP/Wide World


Derek Pruitt, Gamma/Liaison




Reuters/Archive Photos


 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.




 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

 The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.




AP/Wide World

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.




AP/Wide World

 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The


 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.




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Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



AP/Wide World

NATIONAL

SCIENCE



flash

A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



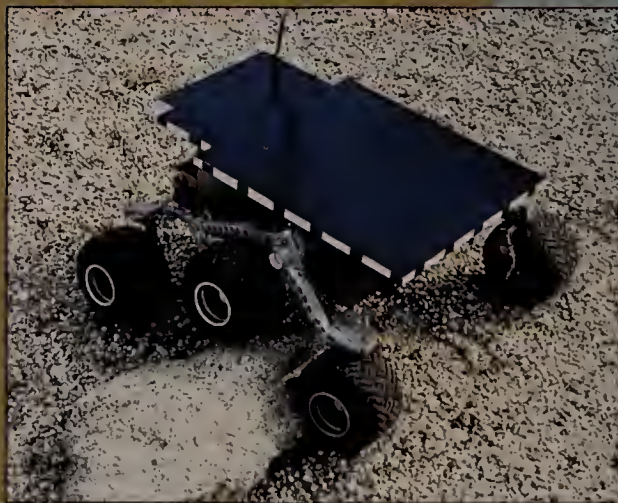
NASA

American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



AP/Wide World



NASA

The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.



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1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium, Photography by Randy Wilder



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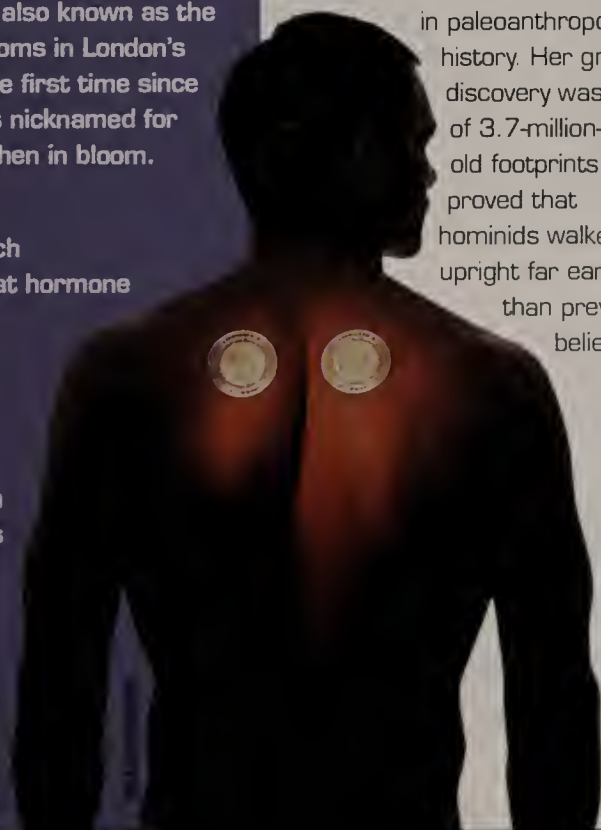
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Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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SCIENCE

FACES

flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison



✦ Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

AP/Wide World



✦ In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



Steve Granitz, Retna



AP/Wide World

✦ "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

✦ Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



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✦ Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

✦ Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

✦ In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



AP/Wide World



In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.

ephane Cardinale, Sygma



P/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.



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Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



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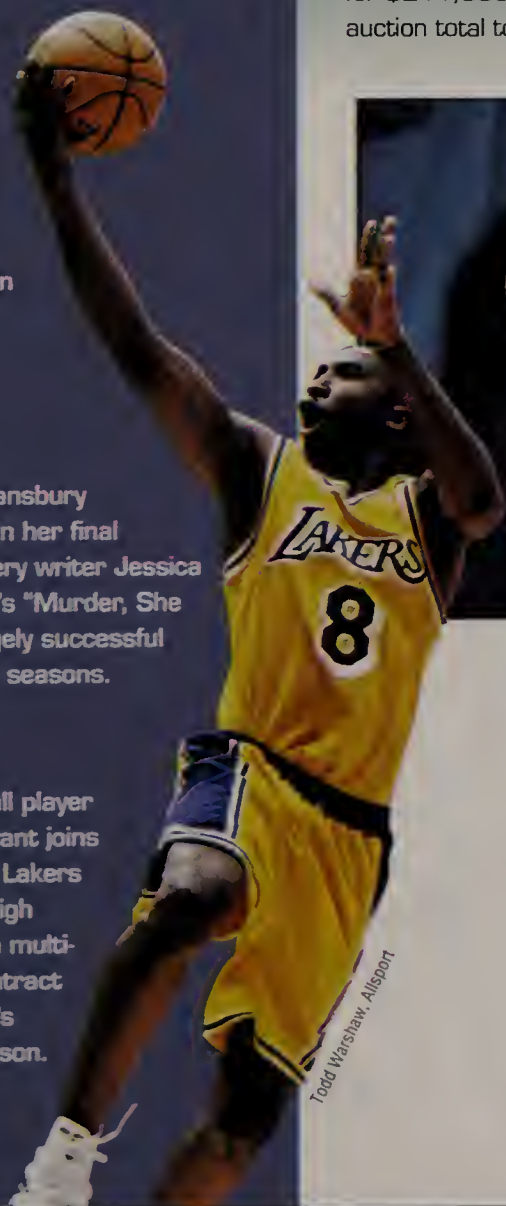
Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



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As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Todd Warshaw, Allsport

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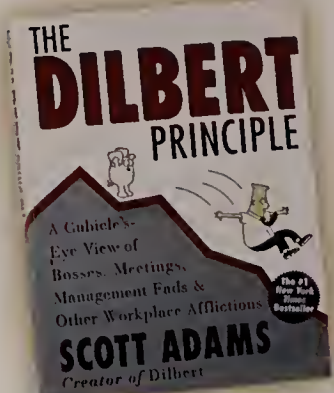
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

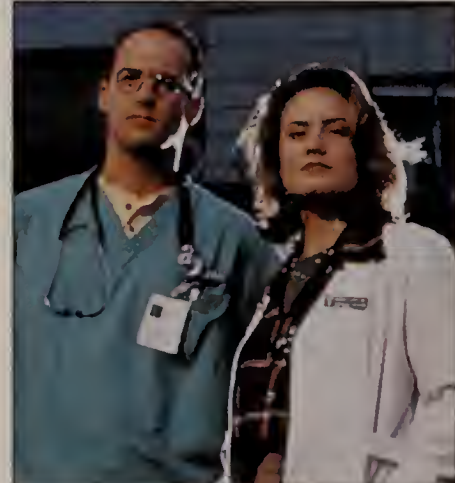


Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show gamers its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



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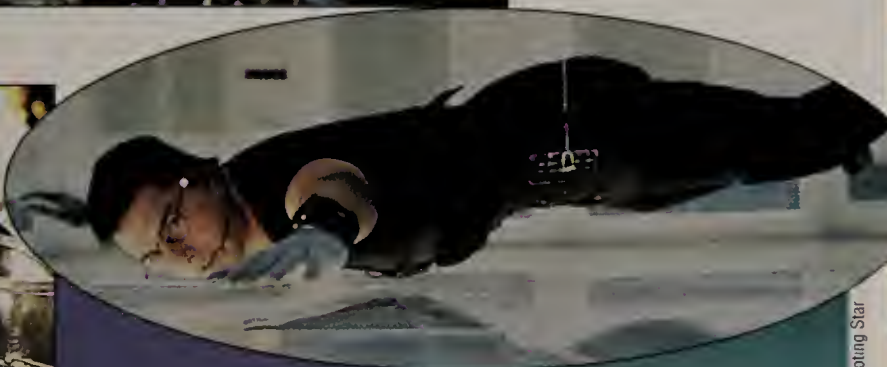
Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



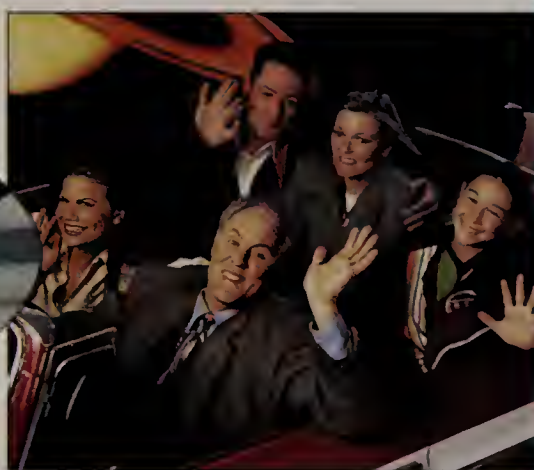
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In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC

flash

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).

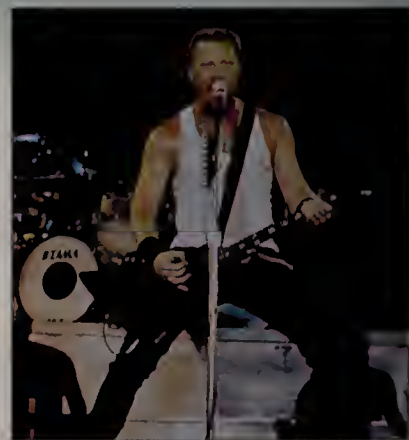


Steve Jennings, LGI



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Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



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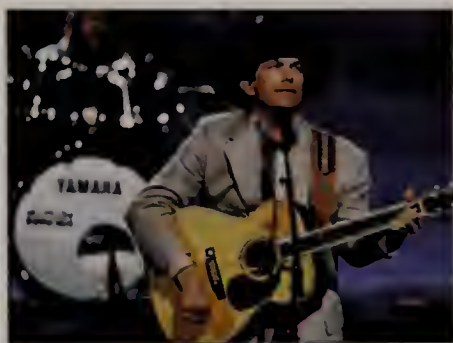
After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Steve Jennings, LGI

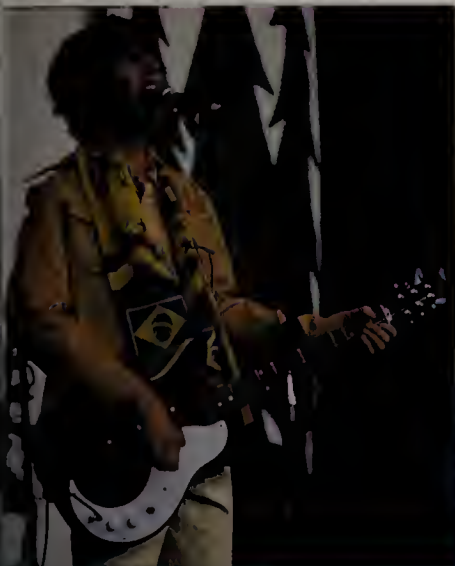
➤ No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

➤ Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI

➤ George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



LGI

➤ The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

➤ Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



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➤ Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Neal Preston, Retina

➤ Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



Adele Starr, LGI

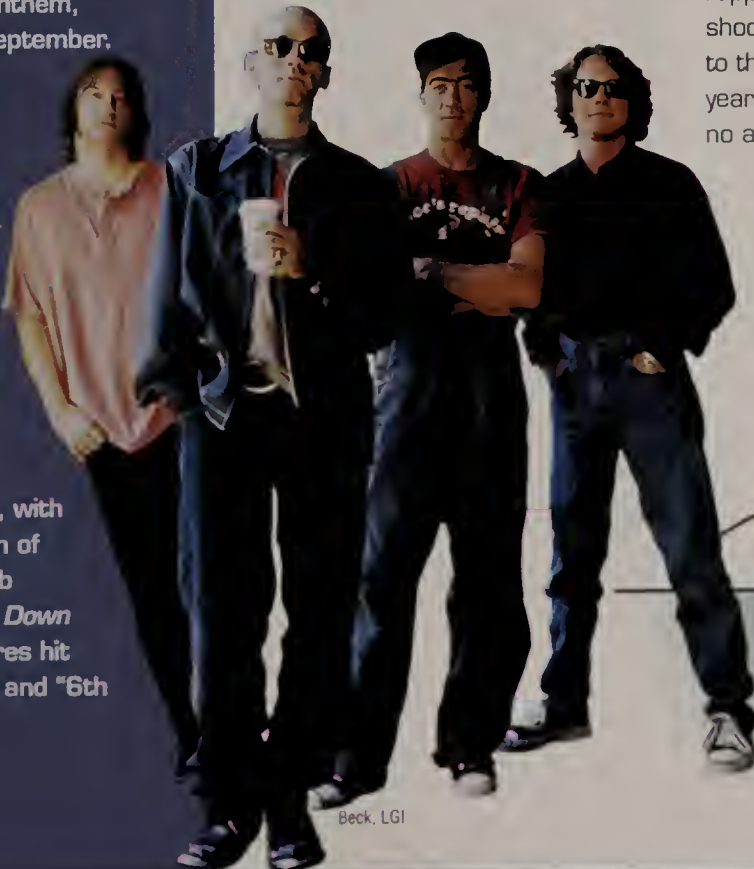
➤ Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



AP / Wide World

➤ The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

➤ R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



Beck, LGI

➤ The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



James L. Lance, LGI

MUSIC

SPORTS

flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



Canapress

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



AP/Wide World

Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



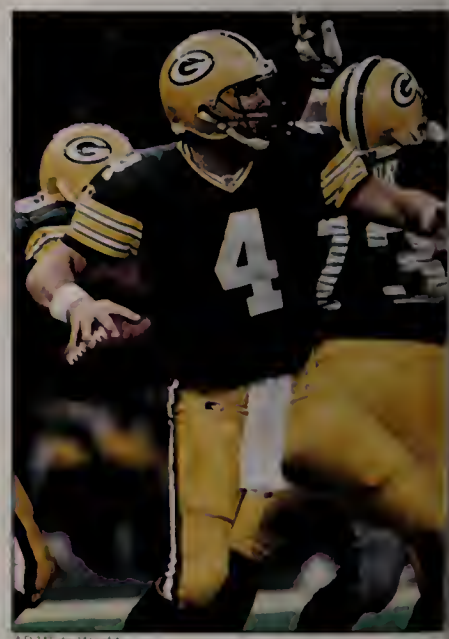
Al Bello, Allsport



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Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



AP/Wide World

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.



The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.

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U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

Al Bello, Allsport

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



AP/Wide World



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Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



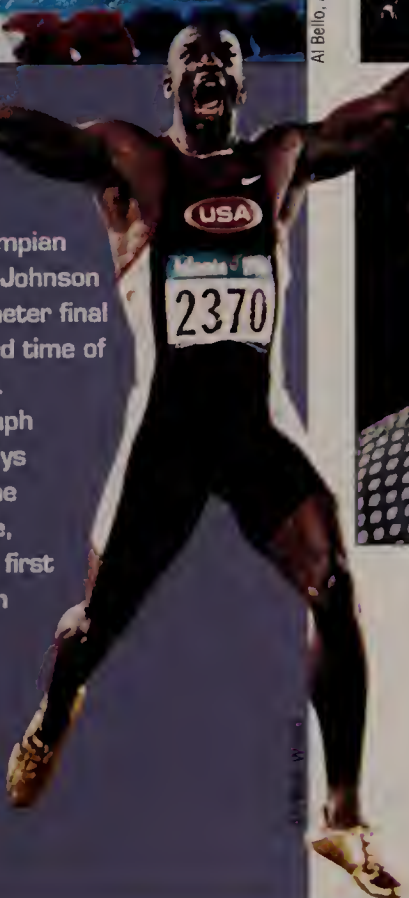
Al Bello, Allsport



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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.

U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

SPORTS

LIFESTYLE

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.



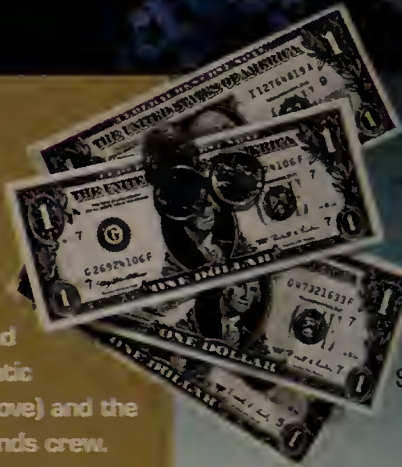
The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.




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Clubs & activities



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Many clubs at Assumption College provide students with the opportunity to get involved on campus. Organizations such as Campus Activities Board and Student Government Association plan numerous events on campus that allow students to enjoy the social aspects that the college has to offer. Other organizations such as Reach Out Center and various Campus Ministry groups encourage the students to volunteer in the Worcester community. Also, the Psychology Club, Social Rehabilitation Club and Philosophy Club and other academic organizations enhance the education that the students receive in the classroom. All the clubs and activities at Assumption College allow students to have a more well-rounded experience; thus fulfilling their liberal arts education. The Co-curricular activities at Assumption give its students the chance to build thier own Novel Approach to their college careers.



Orientation Leaders



Each year Assumption College is introduced to the incoming Freshman class at Freshman Orientation. The Freshman Orientation is run by a group of students that work, not only with the students, but also with their parents. It is the Orientation Leaders who try to ease worries and instill a feeling of excitement. For the Class of 2000, the Orientation Student Chairperson was Brian Kaczor, the Parent

Chairperson was Anne-Marie Kenney and, to assist Anne-Marie, was Parent Leader Jon Jankowski. The Student Leaders were: Mark Cleland, Donna Nodson, Chad Radock, Katie Hoyer, Jason Lawson, Loralyn Christian, Steve Small, Vikki Szewczyk, Roberto Bosco, Chrissy Donovan, Joe Parrillo, Theresa DaSilva, Adam Mucinskas, Lea Horan, Chris Babin, Laura Ramsdell.



Peer Tutor Club

The Peer Tutor Club is comprised of approximately forty students who tutor in over twenty disciplines. Under the direction of Allen Bruehl, the Director of the Academic Support Center, the Peer Tutor Club hosted the New England Peer Tutor Association conference and participated in an "English as a Second Language" workshop. Many of the tutors have presented at these and other conferences.



Reach Out Center



The Reach Out Center is a student run program which coordinates the volunteer efforts of over 550 Assumption students - approximately a third of Assumption's undergraduates! Students provide services at local soup kitchens, school, nursing homes, human service agencies and more. The following students coordinated the ROC efforts during the 1996-97 school year:

Service Directors:

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Robyn Percy
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Catherine Hill
Amy Barrows
Alison Gomarlo



Student Government Association



The 1996-'97 Student Government Senior leadership decided that this was the year to leave one of the biggest marks in Assumption's history. The Student Government Association revised its rules and procedures and became one of the most productive in the legacy of the Student Government Associations of the past.

This Novel Approach to student governance brought forth over fifty proposals to better the school's student and academic life. Some proposals included resolutions for cable, parking, residential life issues, and other important student concerns. "It was the most successful

Student Government I've seen in several

years." said Mark Cleland, Senator from the class of 1997, "It's as though we woke up and realized we have a real influence over policy and issues concerning student life."

Members of the Student Senate agree. In any class, you will be likely to find people who can describe the difference in their experiences with the Student Government Association.

Senior members of the Student Government Association were: Christopher Babin, President ; Jared Bouzan, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Tom Cable, Student Government Treasurer; Molly Flannagan, Senate Speaker; Chad Radock, Senate Clerk; Matt McGowan, Senior Class President and Senator for the Class

of '97; Ryan Mahoney, Senior Class Vice President and Senator; Amanda Rutherford, Senior Class Treasurer and Senator; Amy DeGironimo, Senior Class Secretary and Senator; Amy Chamberlin, Senator; Mark Cleland, Senator; Pat Greehan, Senator; Jimmy Norris, Senator; Marge Pierce, Senator; Steve Small, Senator





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Campus Activities Board



With a general membership of approximately 75 people and an executive board of 12, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) is one of the largest student-run organizations on campus. They are responsible for providing quality entertainment for the enjoyment of the entire campus. CAB organizes such events as Parent/Alumni Weekend, Siblings Weekend, the Spring Concert, semi-formals, comedians, films, and coffeehouses.

This year CAB collaborated with several groups on campus to present Welcome Back Week, OctoberFest, Winter Meltdown, and March Madness. CAB has brought performers such as the Gin Blossoms, Silver Chair, and Terry Stokes, Jr. CAB provides its members with opportunities to take on leadership positions and have lots of fun.





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Phoenix



The Phoenix is the annual literary journal produced by Assumption College. Entries to the journal may com-

prise of poetry, essays, short stories, black & white photos, and artwork. The publication is open to all students and

the final selections are made by a staff of fellow classmates. The funding for the journal is provided by the Assumption College Finance Committee. Editor-in-Chief of The Phoenix 1997 was Patrick McNally. Students that helped in the production of The Phoenix were: Shawn Paul, Joe Michaud, Patrick Brown, Keri Smith, Abbey Dick, Andrew Giese, Ryan Ferrias, Leanne Kaplan and Judy Brazell. Professor David Thoreen was advisor to The Phoenix.



P.E.A.C.E

PEACE, Peers Educating A College Environment, is a group of students who are available to talk to others who are experiencing many of the trying and confusing times that college life can sometimes cause. Some issues that students are faced with may include: homesickness, roommate conflicts, stresses of schoolwork, alcohol and drug related problems, eating disorders, relationship violence, and/or any other issue that a person is having a hard time dealing with.



Chorale



The Assumption College Chorale performed in over 10 concerts this year, singing repertoire ranging from classical to spiritual to rock.

Directed by Dr. Michelle Graveline the group sang at venues such as Regis College, St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and in Washington D.C. A tour to Europe is planned within the next two years.

Ski Club



The 1997 Ski Club had many adventures this year including the annual "Trek to Quebec" weekend early in February. This year's Club was led by Senior Ryan Mahoney, a man who lives for the sport. The Ski Club plans to carry on the programs at A.C. and plan new events also.



Le Provocateur



As a newspaper, *Le Provocateur* has a responsibility to inform the community it serves: students, faculty, staff and others involved with Assumption College. As a student organization, *Le Provocateur* also benefits those who serve on its staff. Students who work on the staff gain valuable experience in the fields of journalism, marketing and publishing. In the process of gaining such experience, students learn how to work with one another as part of a team. They also learn how to deal with individuals throughout the College community on a regular basis. As a result, involve-

ment with the newspaper can become a rewarding and memorable part of a student's college career.

This year's editor-in-chief was Paul Briggs and managing editor was Ryan Dumond. The associate editors were: Andrew Arnott (Photos), Andrew Gill (Humor), Jim Norris (News), Jared Bouzan (Viewpoint), Josh Mendel (Sports), Brian Bourque (Intramurals), Molly Flanagan (Health), Marty Kilcourse (A&E), Pat McNally (Phoenix), Emily Vaillant (Copy).

Staff writers were: Christine Carter, Andrew Clark,

Campus Ministry



Campus Ministry is a very important group on campus. Students who are involved participate in activities such as discussion groups, the Mexico Mission Program, the Spring Break Immersion Program which is held in Philadelphia and New York, and Chapel Ministers/Lectors. Campus Ministry also provides many support and counseling services. John Fleming attended the Philadelphia Immersion Program with the following students: Laura Ramsdell, Liz



Social Rehabilitation Club

The Social Rehab. Club has served as an active volunteer outlet for the community on behalf of Assumption College. The club has formed a number of alliances with agencies in and around the Worcester area and continue to plan various activities throughout the school year. During the last term of office, which ran from January 1996 to January 1997, they were able to complete several successful programs. These programs included activities for Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, P.I.P. Shelter, The Friendly House, Walk-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society, area nursing homes and the Mustard Seed. Club officers for the 1996-97











Sports



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APPROACH



Senior



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Robin Grady

CREW

Rob Stone (MVP)

SOFTBALL

Amanda Ashe (MVP)

Rita Mohr

Kristy Sue Perrino

BASEBALL

Tom Cable

Kevin Coleman

Scott Eggert

Matt Erickson

Adam Frauton (MVP)

Greg Gorman

Tom Hargrave

Todd Marrone

Jamie Merloni

CROSS COUNTRY

Rob Stone (MVP)

HOCKEY

Keith De Schamp

Hayes Henderson

Matt O'Mara (MVP)

Mike Schnyer

Mike Small

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jim Durell

Brett Krause (MVP)

Melvin Miller

Derek Thompson



Athletes



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Krissy Indresano

MEN'S GOLF

Mike Schnyer (MVP)

MEN'S SOCCER

Bret Chevrier (MVP)
Chris Marrese
Ken Thompson

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Kerry Ciolek
Anne-Marie Clancy
Amy DeGironimo (MVP)
Ally Link
Adrienne Poan
Laurie Whelan

MEN'S LACROSSE

Ryan Hubbard
Jason Snow
Christopher Widelo (MVP)

FIELD HOCKEY

Heather Jankauskas
Chantal Royer (MVP)

FOOTBALL

Kevin Coleman
T.R. Fullin
Andrew Gill
Dan Matthews
Jamie Merloni
Mike Overy
Mike Reidy (MVP)
Ed Rose
Shane Senior





Football Captains:
 Jamie Merloni,
 Dan Matthews,
 Mike Overy,
 Andy Quinn, and
 Kevin Coleman





Football

For the 1996 Assumption College Football team, it was a season of transition and rebuilding. Former Assistant Coach Mark Garrett would replace long time Head Coach Bernie Gaughan as the Grid Hound's new Coach. It would be his task to mold this young team into a competitive force. Garrett would look to his senior players and captains, Andy Quinn, Kevin Coleman, Jamie Merloni, Dan Matthews, and Mike Overy, for guidance and initiative on the field.

Distinguished through a strong character and work ethic the Hounds were constantly reminded of the commitment, dedication and enthusiasm needed for success and to make the transition to college level play possible.

The high point of the Hounds 1 and 9 season came during the final game of the season against Nichols College. Down 27-13 at the half the team rallied late in the second half to mount an 18 point comeback to defeat Nichols 31-27. According to Coach Garrett, this one moment changed the lives of people on the team forever. Each and every player would take something from this game. "They all came together and did the job they needed to do. Perfection." -Coach Mark Garrett

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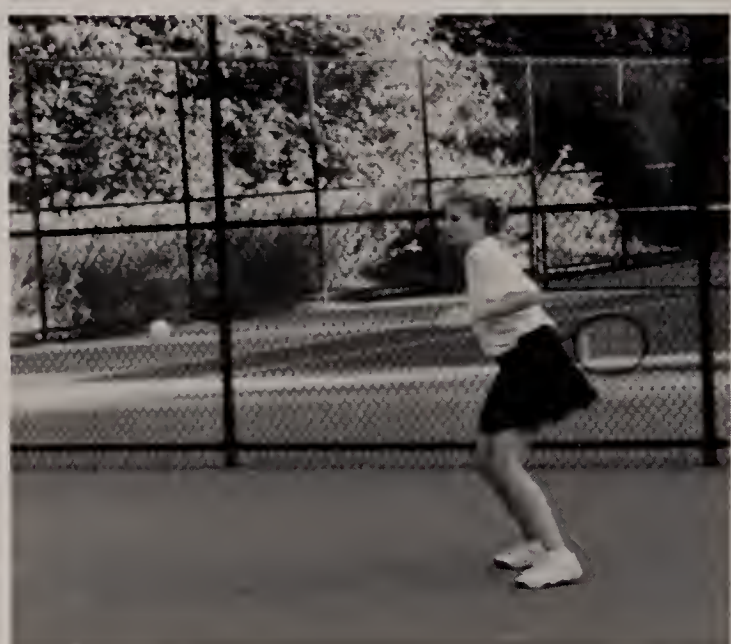
"There is no sport like College Football! The enthusiasm, excitement, and atmosphere is unmatched." -Coach Mark Garrett

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Women's Tennis



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"The friendship bonds made our team strong and our winning season more enjoyable." -Nicole Califano (C)

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Coming into the 1996 Tennis Season, many returning players didn't know what to expect. With no seniors or sophomores and only five returning juniors, many expected this to be a time of transition. With excitement, anticipation, and relief the upperclassmen welcomed the freshmen with open arms. The four unassuming freshmen players, characterized by positive attitudes and energy, added the missing pieces of the puzzle to the experience and determination of the veterans. This enthusiasm and drive lead the Lady Hounds to an outstanding season; and outstanding is an UNDERSTATEMENT! Posting a record of eleven wins and three losses, this season marked one of the best records the Assumption College athletic program has seen in years. This rookie/veteran team placed second in the conference, and posted many semi-final and final appearances in the Northeast-10 tournament.

Along with a great season, most of the ladies say that laughing and having a great time while playing a sport they love was the best part of all.

The team's parents were also a great support, and were greatly appreciated by all of the players. All the goodies that devoted parents and grandparents provided made the team work much harder to win. The Lady Hounds look forward to having another outstanding season as they will return an entire veteran squad next season. - Anne Marie Kenney is a junior.



Top row: Anne-Marie Kenney, Laura Reardon, Sarah Sullivan, Carolyn Mc Manus, Cynthia Sawicki (C), Nicole Califano (C), Coach Brian Clark. Bottom row: Michelle Callahan, Teraisa Sabatini, and Heather Mish.





Bottom row: Nick Bequary, Barry McCarthy (C), Mike Silvio, Brian Laut, Matt Guida, Pat Coty, Keith LaPrade Middle Row: Chris Marrese, Glen Horvath, Bret Chevrier (C), Sean Cronin, Mike Luongo, Mike O'Brien, Ed Twomey, Mike Marnoto Top Row: Assistant Coach Steve White, Brian Rigoli, Joe Waleicko, Ken Thompson (C), Greg Leclair, James White, John Barata, Coach Peter Gardula



Men's Soccer

The 1996- 1997 Men's Soccer season featured a significant improvement in team play as first-year-coach Peter Gardula restructured the team.

A graduate of the University of Maine, Gardula has provided the men's soccer team with a blueprint for future success. The Hounds have already established themselves as one of the most improved teams in New England.

In a complete upset, the Hounds won the Worcester City Tournament for the first time ever this year. After two dramatic two to one wins over Clark University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Joe Waleiko was awarded the Tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

The Hounds were led this year by senior stopper Bret Chevrier, senior goalie Ken Thompson, and junior sweeper Barry McCarthy, who served as the team's captains.

Fine performances by Bentley, Merrimack, and Stonehill earned the Hounds great respect in these league matches.

The Hounds have a solid and enthusiastic core of underclassmen who are prepared to take the team's game to the next level.

-Chris Marrese is a senior forward for the Men's Soccer team

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This past season our many objectives were to improve as a team and earn some respect as a competitive soccer program. Looking back, I think we accomplished these goals.

-Chris "Tanto" Marrese

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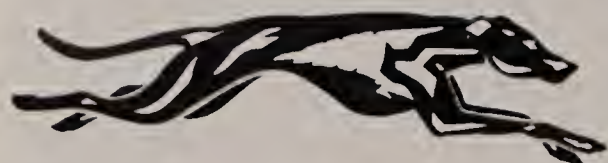


Top row: Coach Gondek, Kelly Simmons, Lisa Traficanti, Kristen Gondek, Rachele Henriquez, Erinn Gallagher, Assistant Coach Bonnie McCollom, Assistant Coach Mike Gondek. Second row: Katie Hoyer, Megan O'Neil, Mary Beth Caparelli, Becky Andrade, Meredith Curran, Judy Brooks, Steph Martin. Bottom Row: Anne-Marie Clancy, Laurie Whelan, Amy DeGironimo (C), Adrienne Poan (C), Kerry Ciolek (C), Ally Link.



Women's Soccer

The Lady Hounds had an incredible season, being the most successful fall sports team. First year head coach Jim Gondek helped to give the team confidence in their abilities. The Women's soccer team broke many personal records including beating Stonehill for the first time, scoring against nationally ranked Franklin Pierce, and tying Bently for a third place finish in the Northeast conference (6-3). The Lady Hounds lost a heart breaking 1-0 playoff game to Stonehill, with only one minute left. Seniors Kerry Ciolek, Anne-Marie Clancy, Amy DeGironimo, Ally Link Adrienne Poan, and Laurie Whelan, led the team with their skill and experience. This women's soccer season was considered one of the most successful in Assumption's history. -Amy DeGironimo is a senior forward.







Top row: Janice Ramos, Lisa Furbush, Robin Grady (C), Coach Rich Harrington, Kate Lyons, Jamie Raeke, Lynette Walania. Bottom row: Jessica O'Meara, Erin Partridge, Katie Turant, Libby Dilts.





It was not an easy season for the injury plagued Assumption College Women's Volleyball Team. Their 4 wins and 18 losses this season were due much in part to the loss of key players throughout the season. Senior Captain Robin Grady missed more than half of the season due to a reoccurring injury from last year. Two other key players were also out at various points during the season due to injuries.

The Lady Hounds Volleyball Team was very young and inexperienced this year.

Comprised of one senior, two juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen, the team had little or no experience playing organized volleyball prior to this year. Still, these ladies worked hard to learn various aspects of the game and contribute to the team's overall effort.

Despite the inexperience of the team and their many injuries, the Women's Volleyball team came together and improved in different areas of their game during this transitional season. The Lady Hounds were able to pull out 3 to 2 victories in two close games against Salem State and Worcester State. Against Salem State, Robin Grady had 20 kills, and against Worcester State, Jessica O'Meara was credited with 23 kills and 21 digs.

The Women's Volleyball team hopes they can build upon the positive aspects of this year and take advantage of their experience as they will return nine players to the court for the 1997 season.

Volleyball



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"I think we all have learned and improved a lot this season." Robin Grady (C)

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Top row: Coach Debra Draper, Becky Preston, Julianne Cialdea, Julie Lane, Angela Corby, Megan Caci, Asst. Coach Kim Gabis. Middle Row: Karen Shaw, Heidi Hanlon, Colleen Doonan, Lori Ryan, Elizabeth Palinskas, Megan Moody, Michelle Daley. Bottom Row: Anne Mingolelli, Angie Graffam, Keri Hagglund, Heather Jankauskas (C), Chantal Royer (C), Kara Codinha, Kerry MacDonald, Jeanne O'Loughlin.

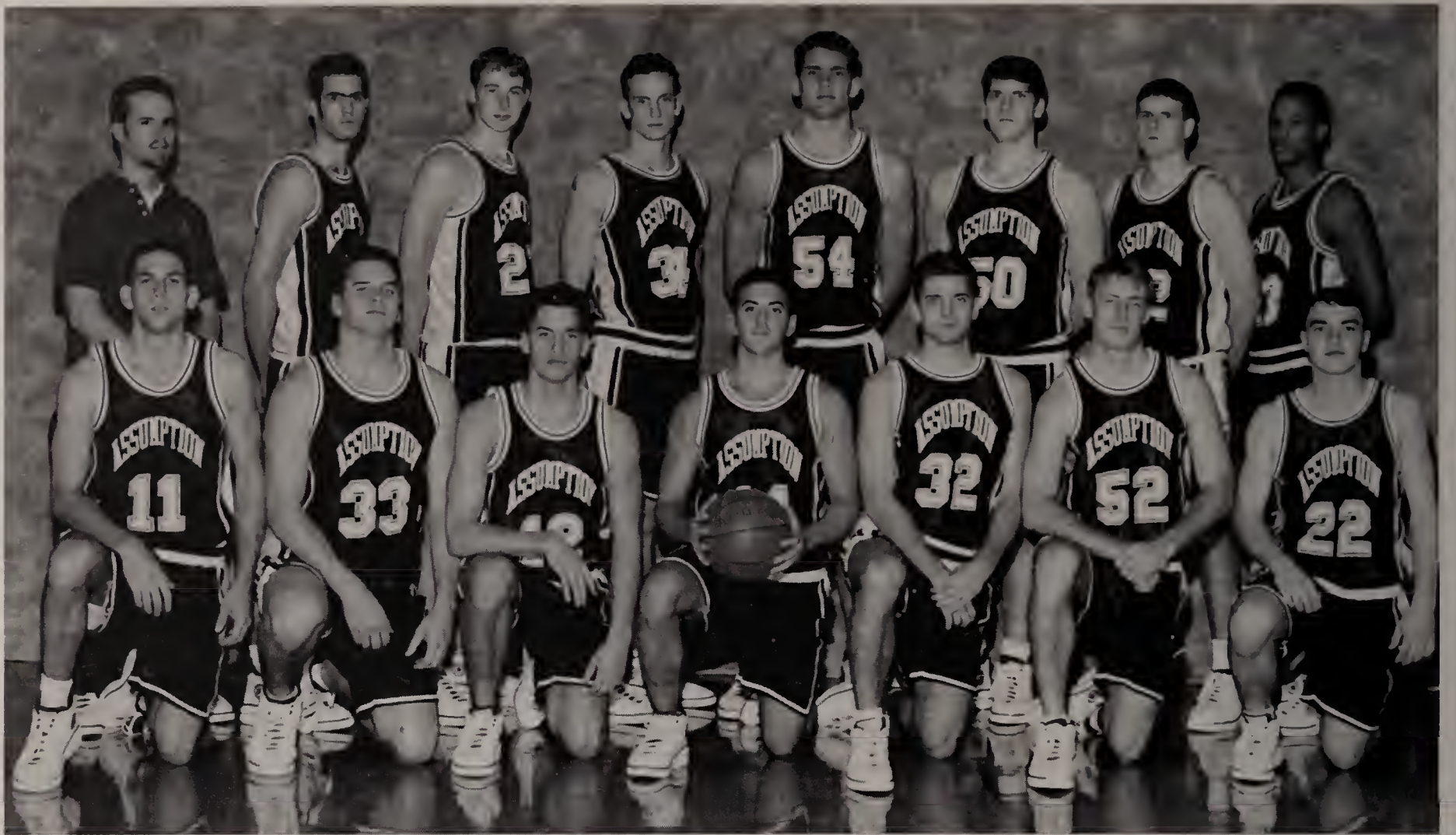
Field Hockey

The 1996 Field Hockey season was a successful display of hard work, dedication, and excellence. The lady Greyhounds finished the season 11-6, ranking third in the NE-10 conference. Through the combined efforts of only four upperclassmen and seventeen underclassmen, this young team learned to play together as a unit with great ease and skill. Although the Hounds began the season with two tough losses, they were quickly able to pull it together, push forward, and create a winning season. This year's team was the first Assumption field hockey team to ever beat WPI, and has the capability to do so again in the next few years. Time and time again, the lady Hounds displayed their will to persevere. One of the best showings exemplifying this characteristic was against Southern Connecticut State College in which the Greyhounds were down 3-1 and came back to achieve a 4-3 victory in overtime, beginning a six game winning streak.

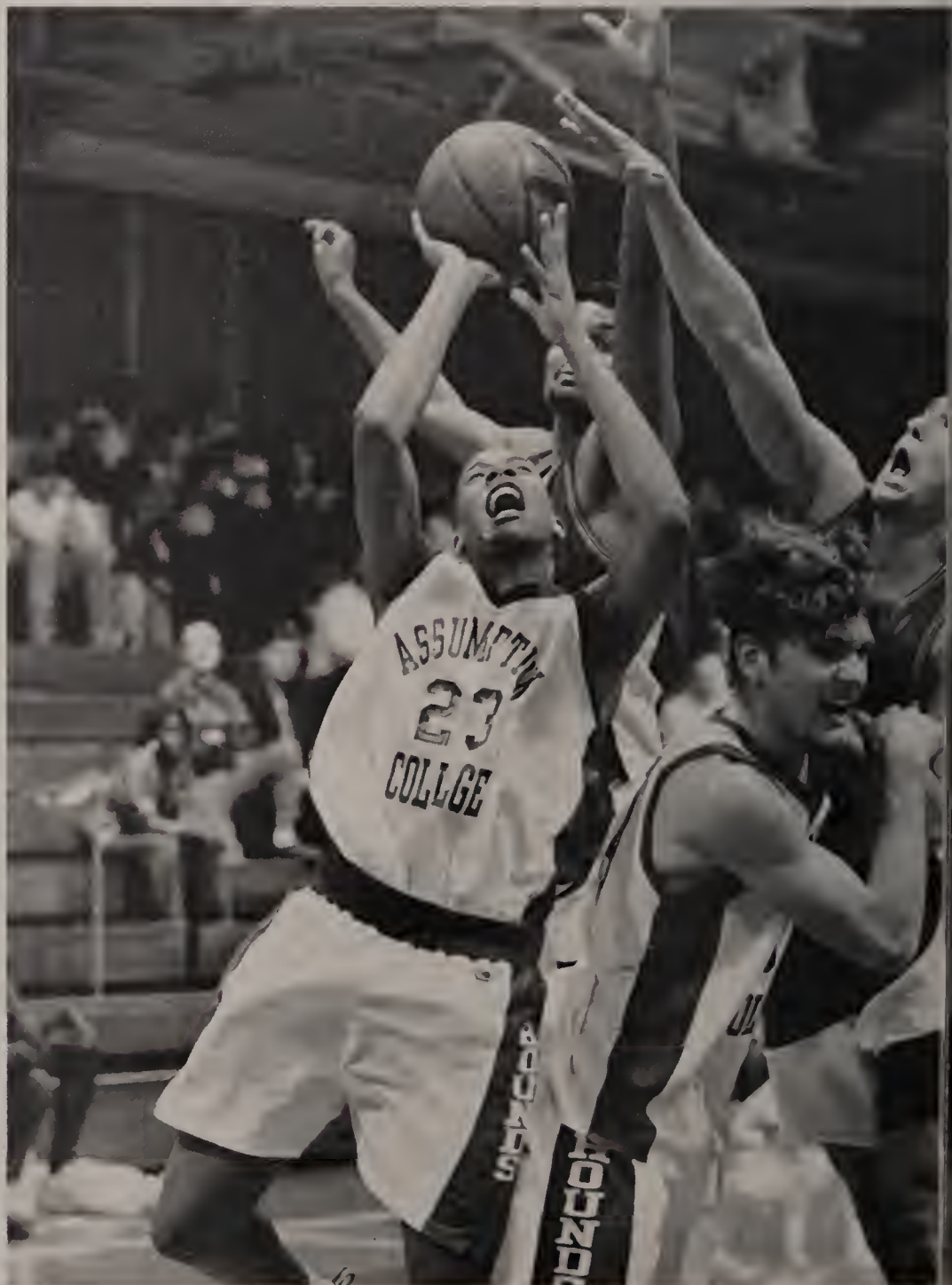
It is apparent by looking at the team's statistics as well as their individual academic performances that they excel on the field as well as in the classroom. Senior captains, Chantal Royer and Heather Jankauskas received All-Academic honors and North/South Senior All-Star positions. In addition, Royer was named second team All-American and second team All-Conference. Underclassmen Kerry Hagglund and Julie Lane both received first team All-Conference honors. -Chantal Royer (C) is a Senior midfielder.







Standing: Mgr. Jeff LeBrun, Josh Zielke, Jerome Anderson, Jeff Madonna, Kurt Hold, Seth Freund, Drew Cooper, Melvin Miller (C).
Bottom row: Steve St. Martin, Brandt Calver, Brock Erickson, Derek Thompson (C), Brett Krause (C), Jim Durell, Andy Niedzwiecki.





Men's Basketball

Assumption started the season off by playing ten games on the road. Although criticized at first, Coach Serge DeBari's plan was clear from the start. Assumption was to face some of the toughest teams in New England and was hoping to be ready for the NE-10 conference play.

The Men's Basketball team would take on St. Rose, a preseason #3 in the country, and then lose humbly to teams with inferior talent. At times, the team looked to go the way preceding teams of three years before, winning a combined total of seven games.

Beginning of January the Running Hounds began to face NE-10 teams LeMoyne, St. A's and Bentley on the road. This game, as well as the next, was played poorly. Off to a 1-3 start, much better than in previous seasons in the league, they were still not satisfied. By the 23rd, the hounds were 4-5 in the conference and looking to hit the .500 mark. They would surpass this mark by jumping out to an 8-5 conference record. The hounds now look forward to the playoffs, their fate determined by their post-season play. -Kurt Hold is a Junior center.



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"My expectations for Assumption Men's Basketball will not be met until we are number one again"
-Coach Serge DiBari

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Standing: Becky Andrade, Amy King (C), Amy McKellar, Kristen Bud, Tara Malcolm, Stephanie Lisi, Deirdra Sauter. Bottom row: Michelle Zande, Julie Caron, Jamie Kelley, A.J. Skowron, Katie Kerr, Krissy Indresano.

Women's Basketball

The Women's Basketball Team came on strong in the second half of the 1996-1997 season. They made it a successful year all around, moving up in the NE-10 rankings. With the very impressive play of first year students Stacy Mattioli, Katie Kerr, and Kris Bud, the future looks very promising for the Lady Hounds. Juniors Amy King, Becky Andrade and Steph Lisi have given the team needed experience on the court. Sophomores Jamie Kelley, Tara Malcolm and Amy McKellar have all contributed to the team's successes this season. With the graduation of only one player and all five starters returning next season, Assumption is ready to make their mark in the NE-10 -Coach Kerry Phayre

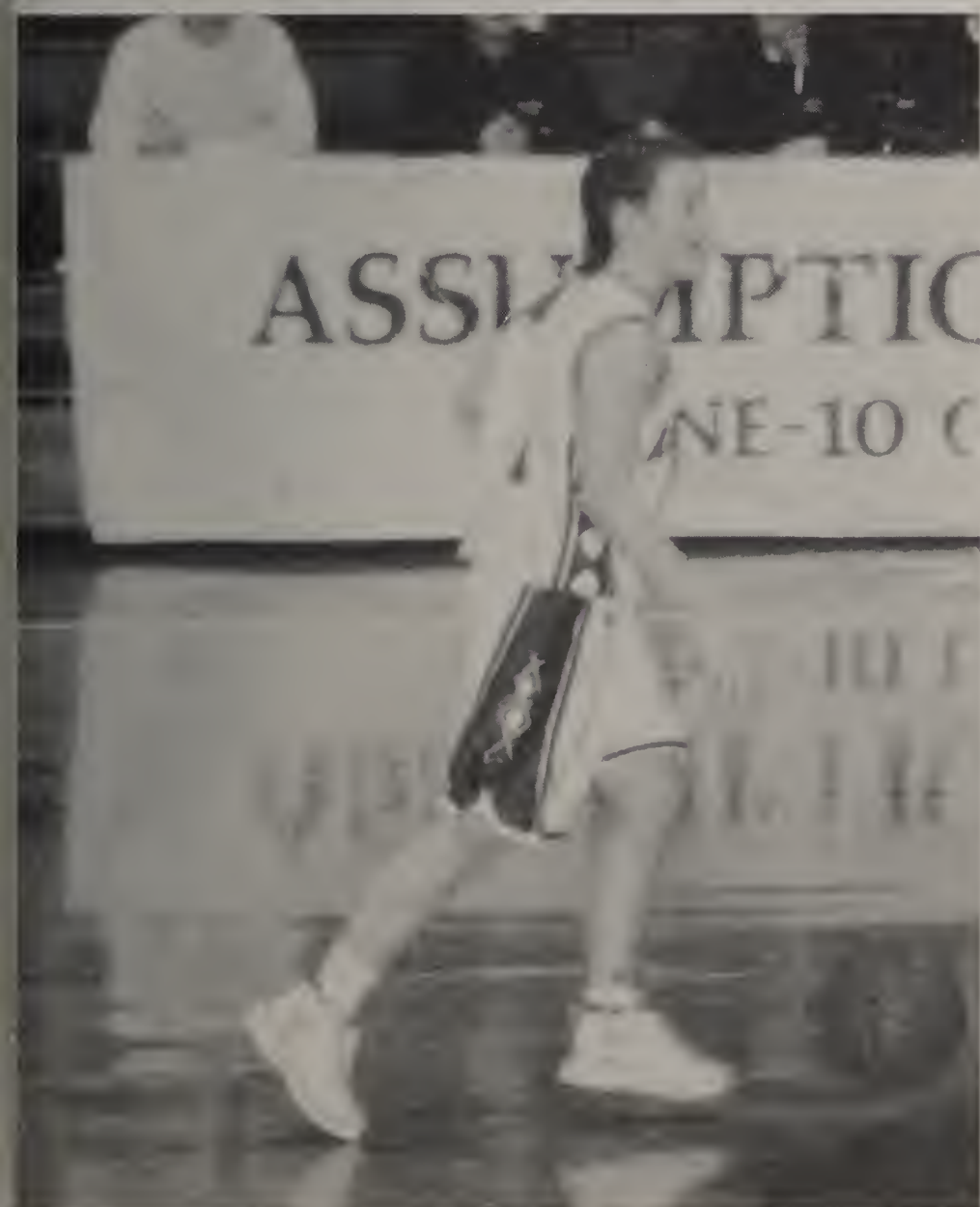


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"This is an exciting team to watch. The enthusiasm and intensity is contagious. We are excited about the success we have had this year. We feel the future of the program looks very bright." -Coach Kerry Phayre

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Above: Matt O'Mara Senior Co-Captian



Above: Keith DeSchamp Senior Co-Captian





Back row: Coach Tom Connors, Mark Cozenza, Mike Schnyer, Hayes Henderson, Dan Moriarty, Matt O'Mara (c), Mike Small, Keith DeSchamp, Vin O'Connor, Keith Hughes; Middle row: Leo Hughes, Brian Potter, Rob Murray, Brandon Baril, Derek Mohamed, Brent Boucher, Don Bibbo, Henry Pozzuoli, Joe Crowley, Chris Nagy; Front row: Greg Ventura, Dave Rogers, Richard Elrick, Mike Herard, Brandon Connors, Neil Haskel, Danny Roy, Mike Cardillo, Jeff McCarthy

Ice Hockey



The 1996-1997 Ice Dogs were once again playoff contenders in the ECAC North, Central, South. Strong goaltending from senior net minder Mike Small and freshman goalie Henry Pozzuoli was instrumental in the success of the Assumption Men's Hockey Team this season.

The Hounds enjoyed a well balanced offensive attack this year, led by seniors Keith DeSchamp, Mike Schnyer and Freshman Mike Cardillo, throwing off opponents all season. The depth and ability of the Ice Dog's bench this year, possibly the deepest in the league, made Assumption a scoring threat on all four lines. Assumption received solid defense all year long from Senior Matt O'Mara, Junior Derek Mohamed, and Mark Cosenza.

The Hounds will be graduating five Seniors this year, but the future looks promising as they look to take advantage of the young, up and coming talent next season. -Matt O'Mara (C) is a senior defenseman.





The ladies enthusiastically show off their spirit stick at the NCAA Cheerleading Camp held at Boston University.



Captians Collen McColgan, Trisha Rodricks, and Monica Albert show off thier pearly whites.

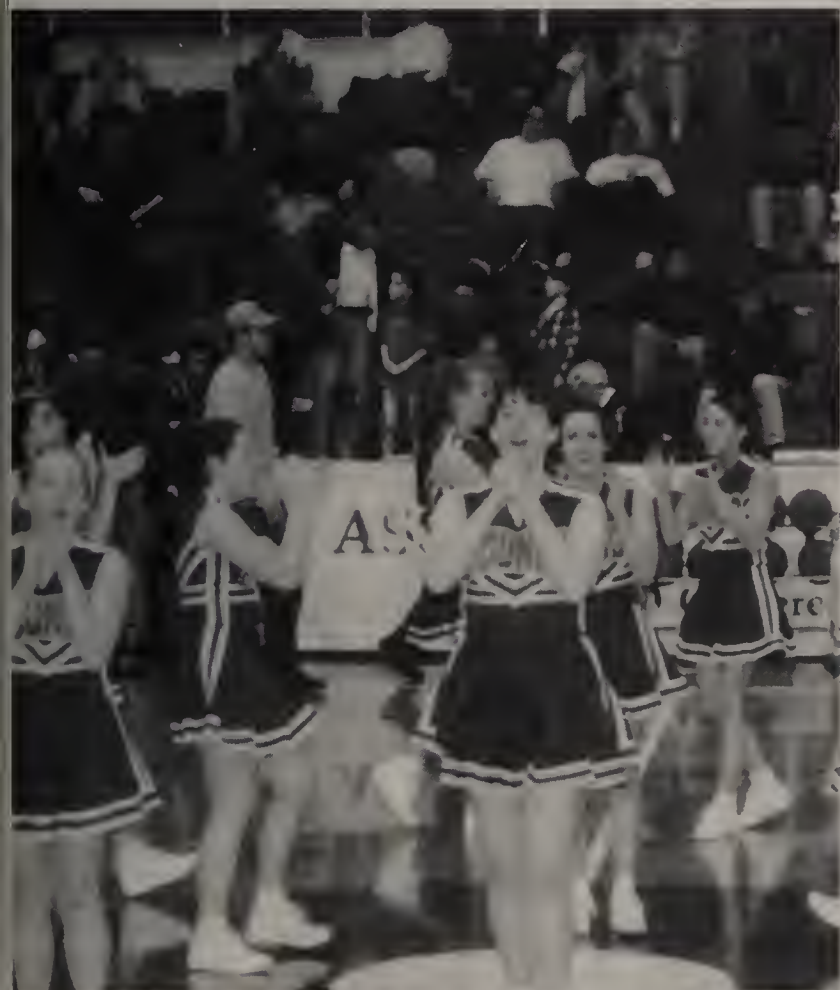


Waiting, Waiting, Waiting for that great half-time music to start..



Above: In unison, the lady greyhounds poise to jump.

Cheerleading



Above: The cheerleaders get ready to put together a great stunt



Above: The young cheerleading squad, fostering no seniors, showcases many skilled underclassmen. Their enthusiasm and talent were evident through their dedication and hard work.





Men's Baseball

The Assumption College Men's Baseball team compiled another winning record this year, winning 20 and losing 17 behind second year head coach Chuck Lane. The Hounds, who fielded an even balance of upper and underclassmen, had noticeable individual successes as well. Besides solid performances throughout the season by veteran senior captains Adam Frauton, Matt Erickson, and Kevin Coleman, individual underclassmen performances also lifted the hounds.

Freshman Steve Gaudet pitched the first 9-inning complete game for Assumption since 1968. Freshman Chris Madsen finished the season as the leading hitter in the Northeast 10 Conference at .480. This also sets the Hounds' freshman mark for average and hits at 60 for the season.

Despite this underclassmen success, the best individual feat of the season came from senior Adam Frauton who became the third Assumption College player and the eighth player in New England Division II to reach 200 hits.

The Hounds will be looking for another productive season next year despite graduating nearly ten seniors. This underclassmen talent should produce some wins for the Hounds in seasons to come.







Women's Softball

It was yet another successful season for the Assumption College Women's Softball team. Compiling a record of 21 wins and 18 losses, the Hounds found themselves playoff bound. Unfortunately due to rain and lack of time for make up games, the Northeast-10 playoffs were canceled. This was a disappointing end to a successful season, especially for the graduating seniors.

The hounds were led this year by three seniors, shortstop Rita Mohr (C), centerfielder Amanda Ashe (C), and rightfielder Kit Perrino. This year's team was particularly young featuring one junior, eight sophomores, and seven freshmen. This youth was not to be mistaken as inexperience, and they had the game to prove it. Freshmen Kris Ladebausch was a first team Northeast-10 Conference all-star as a designated hitter as well as an honorable mention as a pitcher. Michelle Daley, a sophomore catcher, and Stephanie Martin a freshman second baseman, both received honorable mentions at their respective positions. Senior captains Mohr and Ashe were also selected as first team all-stars at their positions.

With this proven young talent, it appears that the Assumption College Softball Team will be just as competitive in seasons to come and again playoff contenders.





Above left: Goalie Jason Sogard clears the ball up-field. Above right: Senior captian and MVP Chris Widelo pressures the opponent..

Men's Lacrosse

An injury plagued season for the Assumption College Men's Lacrosse Team forced this year to be a rebuilding year instead of the competitive one that they hoped for. The Lax hounds lost four of their starting players for the season due to injuries putting added strain on an inexperienced bench and first year Head Coach Greg Munro '86.

The Hounds only returned six players from last season to anchor this year's team. Seniors Ryan Hubbard, Jason Snow, and Chris Widelo would serve as captains. The bulk of the team would be made up of students that had an interest in playing organized lacrosse, in some cases for the first time. The Lax Dogs knew that they had their work cut out for them when the season began. Many of the early morning practices were devoted to developing the fundamentals of those players who would be playing the sport for the first time, teaching them rules, and sharpening the skills of those who were making the transition to the varsity level. By the first time outside this season against MIT, it was obvious that a great deal of progress had been made and that the hard work had paid off, despite losing the season opener.

The "Stick Dogs" look forward to next year as they hope to return seventeen players from this year's squad. The collegiate experience that they gained this year should provide a good base for them to be competitive once again in the Northeast-10.- Chris Widelo is a senior defenceman.

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This was definitely a rebuilding year for us. Next year we will be more experienced and probably surprise some teams in the league. Senior captain Chris Widelo

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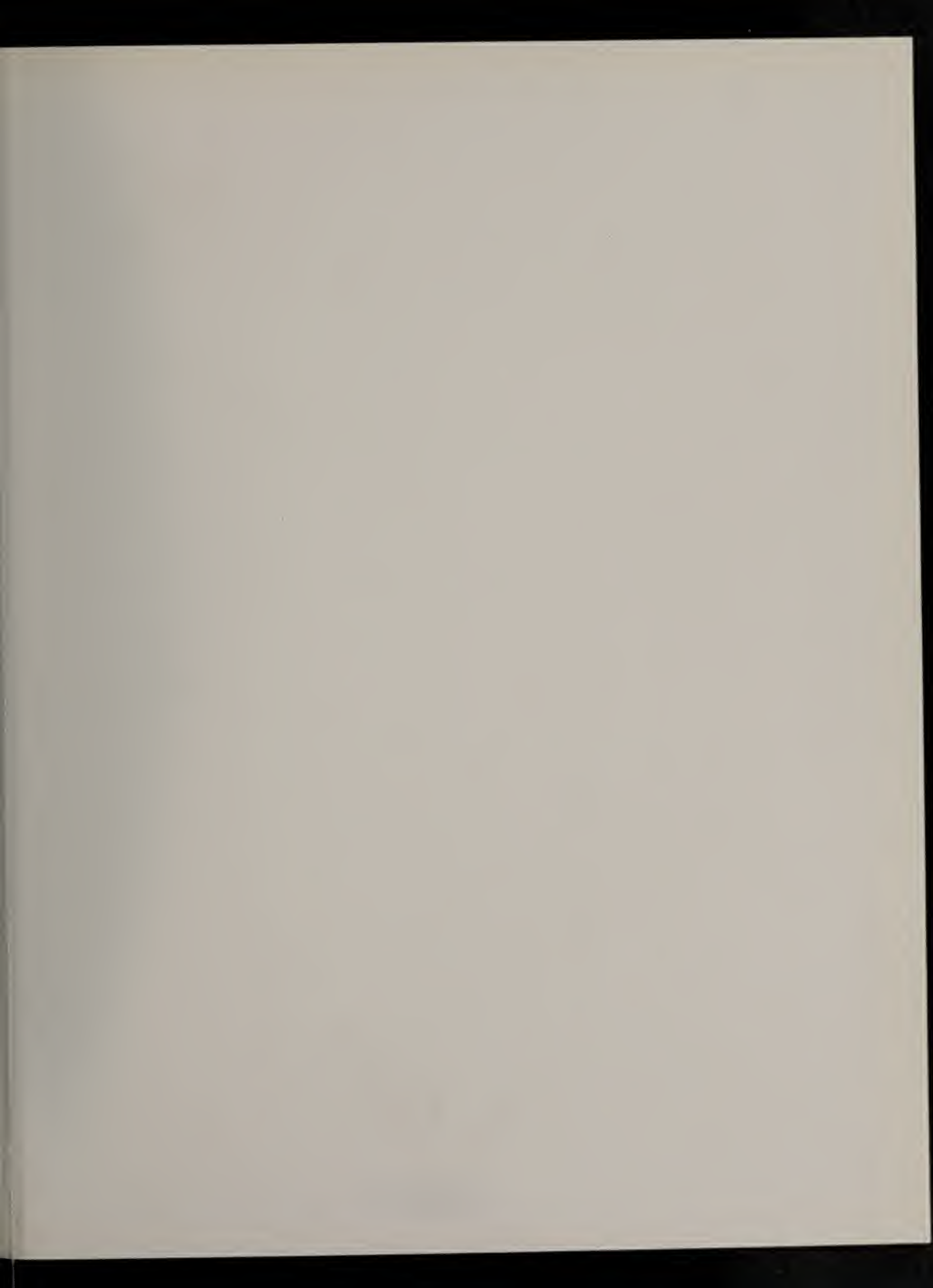


Above: Jim Muray drives through the doubleteam



Above: Defencemen Greg Schultz waits for his man.
Below: Fighting for the groundball.





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